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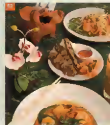
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VINEYARDS, BREWERIES, DINING DESTINATIONS

There's no ignoring the lackluster economy, but when it comes to the food biz, Vermont actually has some good news to report. Fewer restaurants have gone out of business than anticipated, and new eateries with innovative concepts are popping up like croissants in spring.

While 2008 turned out to be the year of the Asian restaurant — the Green Mountains gained a handful of new noodle shops in pan-Asian and Vietnamese flavors — “Buro” appears to be the next big thing. This summer, the Green Mountains is expecting both a German “beer garden” and a “gastropub,” which is British for a place where nifty brews meet great food. Future restaurants, take note: There are still opportunities for Spanish and Greek fare.

Another hot trend? Local is wide awake. Each day, it seems, more people ponder how their food choices impact the environment. One easy way to access “green” food is purchasing directly from local growers eager to discuss their farming practices with customers. Maybe that’s why “farm-share” baskets are more popular than ever.

Chefs are still hot on the locavore movement, too. If the number of restaurants in the Vermont Fresh Network — a group committed to connecting area eateries with farmers and consumers — is any indication, folks in togas continue to season over the plethora of homegrown organic cheeses, pasture-raised meats and heirloom vegetables.

They’re serving the good stuff with local libations, too. Our tiny state boasts more microbreweries per capita than any other, and there are loads of working wineries, too. Want mead, vodka or maple liquor? No problem. To help you find your favorite “potent potables,” we’ve compiled a list of the state’s brews, vintners and distillers.

Another new feature can help you select fabulous dining destinations just outside the 7 Nights circulation area. It’s right before the mixer, at the back of the book.

Consider yourself a “foodie”? Join our like club. Members receive a weekly e-newsletter, which includes info about culinary jobs, exciting events, more restaurant reviews and links to *Seven Days* food stories before they appear on the printed page. You can also follow food Editor Suzanne Puchner’s tasty Twitter “tweets” under the name “foodiesense.” Coming soon, an online forum to discuss anything your hungry heart desires.



Vermont Fresh Network is a local nonprofit organization that actively cultivates partnerships between chefs, farmers and consumers. When you see the VFN logo, you know that as of March 15, 2009 the restaurant had made a commitment to support small farms in Vermont by serving local products on the menu. For more info, go to www.vermontfresh.net.

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Pleasantly cluttered with honey-decorated breads, the restaurant has a food-to-idea. Going there for a meal is like stopping in on friends.

Of course, not too many friends keep a stash of freshly made pastries. At Foothills, owner Amy Bell bakes up excellent chocolate-stuffed croissants, date bars, cookies and moist carrot cake with just the right amount of cream-cheese frosting. Can't decide? Get a bunch boxed up to go.

If you're dining in, check out the hanging chalkboard menu advertising sandwiches, stuffings and numerous soups du jour. The seasonal offerings range from creamy mushroom to chili, and meat are meat-free. A rich bowl of cheesy cauliflower soup, stuffed with tender beets or chunks, is a perfect way to begin a meal.

To the right of the counter is a cooler stuffed with vegetables that can be reheated to order: Southwestern quinoa, spinach-stuffed veggie burgers and miniature flatbread pizzas, to name a few.

Sandwiches and salads aren't run of the mill here, either. Thickly sliced meats are baked in-house — the ham goes perfectly with a sauce of horseradish, sauerkraut, Dijon mustard, with or without olives and pickled banana peppers, come with creative salad dressings. The lettuce-china version is a hit.

Foothills sells loaves of bread in various varieties, and a few other house items — granola, hummus and spicy mustard — are proffered by the pound. In Franklin County, anyway, it makes sense to stock up.



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CONTEMPORARY

Blue Paddle Bistro

316 Route 2, South Hero, 372-4854
• Meats: B, L, D; full bar • gluten-free options • good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, res. recommended, table service, vegetarian • all-ages cheer, live music • There's a wooden cage suspended over the bar at this eatery yet appetizers delivered, known as "The Podda" by locals. The fire is smoky and the menu changes regularly. Private parties happen in the upstairs dining room. Hours vary seasonally, call first. **\$\$\$**

Ruthcliffe Lodge and Restaurant

1002 Quarry Rd., Isle La Motte, 928-3293 • Meats: B, Bz, D; full bar • kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly, w-f • Corners from both sides of the border come here for the "fish of the day" — not to mention Belgian waffles, "Shrimp Noodle" and local beef pie. Chef-owner Mark Infante prepares breakfast and dinner Sunday — and lunch Thursday through Sunday — in the summer months. **\$\$\$**

Shore Across Inn and Restaurant

237 Shore Across Dr., Route 2, North Hero, 372-6722 • Meats: B; full bar • kid-friendly, res. recommended, seasonal, table service, veg-friendly, w-f • Every table at this waterfront restaurant has a broadcasting view of Lake Champlain. The Vermont-American is prepared using local farm-fresh products whenever possible. Open for the season on Easter. **\$\$\$**

DINER

A.J.'s Country Pantry Restaurant

960 Main St., Barre, 849-4264 • Meats: B, L, D; full bar • good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly • Customers wait in line far hours to get breakfast at this family staplehouse. The price's right, regular too. **\$**

St. Albans Go Go

277 N. Main St., St. Albans, 524-5693 • Breakfast Sun.; Meats: B, L; beer & wine • kid-friendly • Have your go-to station serve beer and eggs? This motor-friendly lunch destination also offers breakfasters, hot dogs, soup and daily specials. **\$**

SNACKBAR/CART

Shaggy's Snack Bar

108 First St., Swanton, 868-3021 • Meats: L, B • kid-friendly, outdoor seats, veg-friendly • Longtime owner Joe Brannacher serves the path dog fresh daily. In the summer, sit at a picnic table with your burger and fries. **\$**

Warner's Snack Bar

501 Route 7, St. Albans, 524-3548 • Breakfast Sun.; Meats: L, B • kid-friendly, outdoor seats, ariel bar, seasonal • Located just a quarter mile from Dart 26, this seasonal spot offers a full, solid bar and homemade soups and salads in addition to traditional fast-food fare. Line outside or check out the picnic area. Call for hours. **\$**

SOUP & SANDWICH

Cosmic Bakery & Cafe

30 S. Main St., St. Albans, 524-0300 • Breakfast Sun.; Meats: B, L • delivery, w-f • In this cozy, often homemade baked goods, sandwiches, salads, soups and desserts, complemented by Vermont Infiniti Company coffees. **\$**

Hero's Welcome

2637 Route 2, North Hero, 372-4125 • Meats: B, L • good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, veg-friendly, w-f • Specializing in Vermont sandwiches like the "Urban Ale", this upscale gourmet store and deli is popular with tourists and locals. Breakfast is served only in winter. **\$**

Park Cafe

84 N. Main St., St. Albans, 527-3668 • Meats: B, L • delivery, kid-friendly, veg-friendly, w-f • Try homemade soups, baked goods, sandwiches and the "fishy salad" — a cold-fished chicken salad with cheese and bacon as your choice of bread. **\$**

STEAKHOUSE/SEAFOOD

Bayside Pavilion

25 Georgia Shore Rd., St. Albans, 524-3909 • Meats: L, B; full bar • good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly, w-f, dance floor, live music, pool, bar • Customers patronize this shoreline for its bayside location, ocean-wrapped bistro and seafood cognos. Live music and DJs every Friday and Saturday. **\$**

Jeff's Maine Seafood

85 N. Main St., St. Albans, 524-8135 • Breakfast Sun.; Meats: L, B; full bar • gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly, veg-friendly • This seafood restaurant has a slogan: "New food, stylishly laid-out." Serving Maine lobster, rock-crusted salmon and an Friday pizza. **\$**

els. The adjacent Jeff's Market sells fresh fish, wine, cakes and prepared foods. **\$\$\$**

One Federal

1 Federal St., St. Albans, 524-0530 • Meats: B, L, D; full bar • all-you-can-eat, gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly • Produce comes from a Vermont garden, and everything is made from scratch at the storefront and "kitchen" emporium. Start with the spicy green bean "Simmer" or maple bacon fritters, then go for pizza or an crunchy burger. Save room for dessert from the full-service bistro. **\$\$\$**

TRADITIONAL

Abbey Restaurant and Pub

6212 Route 126, Brookings Falls, 524-4747 • Meats: B, L, D; full bar • good for groups, kid-friendly, salad bar, table service • A banquet hall, restaurant and pub under one roof can subtly so neither what the occasion. Get a bar tab at the pub or hunt a job in the dining room with "The Great Abbey Hunt for Joe" — a cartoon king with top artists, baked scrumptious and chicken temptations. **\$\$\$**

Bernie's Restaurant

72 Main St., Montpelier Center, 326-6882 • Meats: B, L, B; full bar • good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly • Just eight miles from Jay Peak, Bernies enjoy the view through tall glass panels. Classic American fare such as cheese steaks and blackened chicken, any standard, but look out for theme nights, when Bernies might offer a turkey dinner Italian fare or Mexican specialties. **\$\$\$**

Chester's Bakery

Route 36, Benfield, 372-3594 • Breakfast Sun.; Meats: B, L • only/only/only • good for groups, kid-friendly, table service • The breakfast sandwiches we freeze at this family, family-oriented restaurant. All of the comfort food on the constantly changing menu is homemade. Look for ham and cheese omelets, baked beans and burgers. Open on Friday only. **\$**

Hahy's Cafe

355 Main St., Brookings Falls, 822-6473 • Meats: L, B; full bar • good for groups, kid-friendly, table service • The burgers come daily from the butcher shop just down, and fries are hand-cut. Plus, there's a wide array of sandwiches and soups, Mexican fare and pasta. Expect to see both regulars and out-of-towners on the way to Jay. **\$**

Harley O's

366 Lake Rd., St. Albans, 522-3997 • Meats: L, B; beer & wine • kid-friendly, table service • Lounge and take-out side order up for 9-ounce Angus burgers and country-fried steak at this motorcycle-themed family restaurant. The floor is checkered orange and black, and the walls are covered with vintage signs. **\$\$\$**

Jacob's Restaurant

73 First St., Swanton, 868-3180 • Breakfast Sun.; Meats: B, L, B; beer & wine • delivery, gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly • You'll find pasta dishes, burgers and grilled steaks at this casual, family-oriented restaurant. Owner Jacob West also serves a "homemade breakfast" and a large selection of beer and wine. **\$\$\$**

Joey's Junction Bakery and Cafe

2806 Route 78, Maple Grove Center, 279-4303 • Breakfast Sun.; Meats: B, L, B • only/only/only • good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, seasonal, table service, veg-friendly • It's a recipe shop, art gallery and restaurant that serves burgers w/ dogs, fresh French fries and breakfast all day. It serves, by the garden-fresh soups and sandwiches and the house-made frozen maple custard. Closed from mid-February through May for signing. **\$**

My T-Fine

150 Route 3, Swanton, 868-4436 • Breakfast Sun.; Meats: B, L, B; full bar • kid-friendly, salad bar, table service • Stop in for a chicken special on your way back from Montreal. Also try the extensive salad bar or the house-made turkey. **\$\$\$**

Nana's Restaurant

8 Swanton Rd., St. Albans, 524-0448 • Meats: B, L; full bar • all-you-can-eat, L, D; good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly • A flexible menu adds to the informal atmosphere. Try the homemade soups or an omelette, the prime rib, breakfast buffet on Sunday. **\$\$\$**

North Hero House Inn and Restaurant

300-3643 Route 2, North Hero, 372-4732 • Meats: B, Bz, D; full bar • kid-friendly, res. recommended, table service, w-f, live music • Friendly staff and a cozy Lake Champlain setting set this on-restaurant spot, the chef is classically trained with a commitment to local ingredients. Try the wedge. Live piano music on Friday and Saturday. **\$\$\$**



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China Wok Buffet

129 N. Main St., St. Albans, 527-2278 • Meats: L, D: full bar • all-you-can-eat, kid-friendly, table service • This 10-year-old restaurant is known for its lunch and dinner buffet. Kids eat for half-price. ☺

Panda China

235 Swanton Rd., St. Albans, 524-7788 • Meats: L, D: full bar • all-you-can-eat, delivery, table service • This Szechuan-style restaurant offers a buffet or take-out. On the weekend, dinner goes for \$1.75 per person. It's a dollar cheaper during the week. ☺

PAN-ASIAN

Eastern Dragon

16 S. Main St., St. Albans, 527-8608
• Meats: Br, L, D: beer & wine • cash/check only • You can get sushi and sashimi at this Asian restaurant, along with all the Chinese classics. ☺

THAI

Thai House

959 Lake Rd., St. Albans, 524-0899
• Meats: L, D: \$100 • table service • All the Thai favorites are available here: tom koi soup, pad Thai, pad kee mao and chow chue ruing. Try the honey duck. Serves 60. No lunch on Sunday. ☺

AMERICAN

★ Foothills Bakery

(see pg. 9)
655 1123 Main St., Fairlee, 528-6460 • Closed Sun. • Meats: L, D: cash/check only, table service, veg-friendly • Many of the ingredients here are organic. Try the soups, creative salads and sandwiches on fresh bread with in-house-baked meats. Or choose from a wide variety of sweet stuff, including muffins, scones, croissants, pies and cakes. Homemade granola and spicy roasted almonds to go the point. (see pg. 9) ☺

WINE, PUBS & CLUBS

LOUNGE

Overtime Saloon

38 S. Main St., St. Albans, 524-0357
• Closed Mon., Tues., Sun. • Meats: D, Later full bar • good for groups, w-f, darts, karaoke, live music, pool, tv • This sports sports bar caters to professionals looking for a more civilized scene. Sit on the comfy couches while you enjoy the six TVs or live music. Snack on munchies or order out from Mimmo's or Niche Café. You can also book the room for parties. ☺

NIGHTCLUB

Shooters Saloon

32 Kiegan St., St. Albans, 527-2777 • full bar • cash/check only, dance floor, darts, karaoke, live music, pool, tv, sometimes cover • Between the high-tech jukebox and shimmering Friday-night bands, this is the place to dance. The down and friendly bar also boasts three top-screen TVs, a touch-screen music box and a high-tech betting game.

INDIAN

Paddington's Restaurant

195 Mountain Rd., Montgomery Center, 528-5232 • Closed Mon., Tues., Wed. • Meats: D • good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly, w-f • The English Room Inn & B&B welcomes non-guests for après weekend diners. In keeping with the theme, Henry VIII Tudor inspired, Lord Nelson risk of limb and Lady Chatterley's chicken share main space with the kid-friendly frog's fire-crusted haddock. ☺☺

MEDITERRANEAN

Chow! Bella

224 N. Main St., St. Albans, 524-1476 • Meats: Br, L, D: full bar • gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly, w-f, live music • The Mediterranean bistro has a cosmopolitan feel and occasional live music. Try the sautéed veggie salad with goat cheese and homemade stuffed peppers. No lunch Monday or Tuesday. ☺☺

PIZZERIA

McKee's Island Pub & Pizzeria

513 Route 2, South Hero, 527-5454
• Meats: L, D: full bar • good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, w-f, tv • Using the kids for moderately priced pub food and homemade Italian-American specialties. Menu items, such as the top-selling "Island Day" grinder, are named for local landmarks and families. The "Grand Isle" pizza, which garnish with 11 toppings, is another favorite. ☺

Mimmo's Pizzeria Restaurant

22 S. Main St., St. Albans, 524-2244
• Meats: L, D: full bar • delivery, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly, w-f • Mimmo's love the pizza and pasta dishes. Try the balsamic chicken salad with feta and Parmesan. Delivery is available at lunch only. ☺

Pie in the Sky

Highgate Cannery Shipping Center, Exit 20 I-89, St. Albans, 524-9442
• Meats: L, D: beer & wine • delivery, kid-friendly, table service, tv • This pizzeria and deli is famous for homemade sub rolls, as well as stone-baked pizzas, calzones and Stromboli. With a newly expanded dining room, it can accommodate large parties. ☺

Rosario's American Eatery

46 S. Main St., St. Albans, 527-6222 • Closed Sun. • Meats: L, D • delivery, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly • Daniel Rosario's authentic Italian cuisine includes homemade bread and baked ribs. Try the lasagna classics and the pizza. Catering starts at \$4.95 a head. ☺

Swanton House of Pizza

52 Main Street Bldg., Swanton, 508-3085 • Meats: L, D: beer & wine • good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly, w-f • Get your pizza or pasta under a lattice ceiling woven with ivy plants. Everything is fresh and homemade. ☺



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McCarthy's Restaurant

454 Mountain Road, Stowe, 753-6525

If you're headed for the slopes — to ski or climb — get a sweet deal. McCarthy's Restaurant in Stowe has been dishing up hearty breakfasts for more than 50 years in a small, shopping center just minutes from Stowe Mountain Resort and Smugglers' Notch.

On weekends, the place bustles with a diverse crowd that ranges from multigenerational families to cardio-lusting ski bums. A grandfather may be spoon-feeding cereal to a toddler wearing a bib, while two babies over a frazzled girl with black eyes and skinny jeans spend the entire meal plugged into her iPad.

It's not unusual to find a line at the door, but folks here don't make fast tracks with knives and appetites, that the fire comes out quickly. Nobody here seems too keen on bragging.

Happily, the food — served in ample portions — is worth the wait. French toast is formed from thick slices of the restaurant's homemade bread; poached eggs are perfectly cooked; and freshly made corned-beef hash is well-seasoned and crisped on the outside.

Heart-healthy eaters can pass up the eggs Benedict and burgers in favor of oatmeal, served with real maple syrup.

Not feeling outdoorsy? There's a movie theater right next door, and Stowe is packed with art galleries and boutique shops selling clothing, kitchenware and gourmet food.

Speaking of shopping, be sure to find an ATM before you queue up at McCarthy's. They only take cash and local checks.



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BARBECUE

Sunset Grille & Tap Room

140 Cottage Club Rd., Stowe, 253-8281 • Meats: L, D, Late; full bar • kid-friendly, table service, other games, pool, tv • The owner of this second-winning barbecue joint and sports bar was named 2006 Vermont Restaurateur of the Year. April-June extends to 29.75 also set it right. The kitchen's open until midnight. **\$\$\$**

CONTEMPORARY

Alpine Cottage/Golf Cottage

5781 Mountain Rd., Stowe, 253-3008 • Meats: Brz, L, D; full bar • gluten-free options, outdoor seats, res. recommended, seasonal, table service, veg-friendly • Want to play 18 holes at Pebble Beach before you dig into some fandang? Try the "virtual reality" golf. The real thing to simulate on-screen. After the game, indulge in mid-meltdown-truffle roots, flat iron, and lobster with fettuccine Alfredo. Sunday brunch. Call for hours. **\$\$\$\$**

The Bee's Knees

6002 Lower Main St., Montpelier, 888-1889 • Classic Meats • Meats: B, L, D; beer & wine • gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly, w-f • All-ages shows, live music • House-cooked meals, fire-made organic coffee and wine and beer make this top spot the perfect place to play a game, write a poem or just hang out. Hours — from 300 to 600 — happens every night. **\$\$**

The Blue Moon Cafe

6019 School St., Stowe, 253-7908 • Meats: B; full bar • gluten-free options, res. recommended, seasonal, table service, veg-friendly • Fine dining with a buffet feel. The menu changes weekly and showcases local, seasonal ingredients. **\$\$\$**

The Butterfat at Topnotch Resort

4030 Mountain Rd., Stowe, 253-5545 • Classic Meats • Tue., Wed., Sat.; Meats: B; full bar • good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly, w-f • Try the buffalo chicken wings and the Cogan glaze salad at Topnotch Resort's cozy and casual pub. **\$\$\$**

Charlie B's Pub & Restaurant at StoweLake

1746 Mountain Rd., Stowe, 253-7316 • Meats: B, L, D; full bar • good for groups, kid-friendly,

outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly, live music • This upscale pub offers 50 wines by the glass and a large selection of appetizers in addition to porks, burgers and fish. During the winter, come for après ski (see main Friday and Saturday section). **\$\$\$**

Calf House at Stowe Mountain Resort

5781 Mountain Rd., Stowe, 253-3008 • Meats: L, D; full bar • good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, res. recommended, seasonal, table service, veg-friendly • You ride a gondola up to this mountain-top eatery that serves seasonal New England fare made with local ingredients. Call for availability. **\$\$\$\$**

Elmity at StoweHof

434 Eden Hill Rd., Stowe, 253-9722 • Classic Meats • Tue.; Meats: B; full bar • gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, res. recommended, seasonal, table service, veg-friendly, w-f • European-influenced fine dining is on the menu. Check out the exceptional wine list, with lots of options from France and the U.S.A. Occasional piano music. Open from June to October and December to March. **\$\$\$\$**

Heath & Cande

4321 Route 108, Scargfield/Heath Road, Jeffersonville, 644-8900 • Meats: B; full bar • gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly • Fine dining room serves families, another to a bar, and a third is no-fee-slowed. Try the "Vermont stuffed chicken" with maple-cured ham and apples. **\$\$\$\$**

Norma's Restaurant at Topnotch Resort

4030 Mountain Rd., Stowe, 253-5545 • Meats: B, L, D; full bar • kid-friendly, res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly • For breakfast, try the chicken French omelet double-dipped in sausage-bacony butter with Stowe maple syrup. For dinner, indulge in bone tartare with avocado salad or seared orzo-citrus crusted lamb chops. **\$\$\$\$**

Solstice at Stowe Mountain Lodge

7412 Mountain Rd., Stowe, 253-1650 • Meats: B, L, D; full bar • gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly, w-f • A commitment to serving "locally inspired seasonal cuisine" year-round means that the menu changes frequently. A sampler and highly trained staff of servers care for customers in the 100-seat dining room. Five-course tasting menu

available nightly. Hours change seasonally. Call first. **\$\$\$\$**

Stowe Inn and Tavern

128 Mountain Rd., Stowe, 253-4030 • Meats: D; full bar • good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly, w-f • Live music • In Proctor came to this cozy tavern for great views of Stowe and the signature chocolate martini. Regular drinks include beer salad, served on scrumptious and maple cream buns. Be sure to check out the antique nautology bar, which "takes the room" according to owner Annika Lipley. **\$\$**

Whip Bar & Grill

18 Main St., Stowe, 253-7100 • Meats: Brz, L, D; full bar • kid-friendly, res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly, w-f • A wide array of French-inspired entrees distinguishes this upscale eatery. Try the gorgonzola-crusted flat iron on the pen-seared pork loin with cherries and port. Closed for lunch off-season. **\$\$\$**

Winding Brook Bistro

923 Route 100E, East Johnson, 644-8960 • Classic Meats • Tue.; Meats: B; full bar • gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly, w-f • Live music • Chef Dave Vandenberg puts his love of French and Italian cuisine on display with dishes such as crabmeat-stuffed flat of sole with herb butter. After dinner, take a stroll by the brook. **\$\$\$**

DINER

Depot Street Malt Shop

57 Depot St., Stowe, 253-4268 • Meats: L, D • delivery, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly • Families love this 1930s-themed diner known for chili, burgers, shakes and more. But it's perfect for tea, too, at the counter. **\$\$**

McCarthy's Restaurant

454 Mountain Rd., Stowe, 253-8625 • Meats: B, L • cash/check only, delivery, gluten-free options, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly • This country store and old-fashioned diner has been in business for over 30 years. Try the homemade corned-beef hash. **\$**

Plum & Main Restaurant

12 Lower Main St. West, Johnson, 635-7596 • Classic Meats • Meats: B, Brz, L, D; beer & wine • cash/check only, gluten-free options, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly • Keep your eye on the pie

at this lovely diner, which now sports a new bar and tables and chairs made of maple. (See featured pie case in chocolate cream, fresh peanut butter strawberry-vanilla and coconut. **\$**

SNACKBAR/CART

Stowe Dogs

Mountain Rd., at the Gale Farm Shopping Center, Stowe, 253-7785 • Meats: L, D • \$10/oz • cash/check only, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, seasonal • It's all about the dogs at this quick-stop, right off the Stowe lake path. Order delicious National or Italian with various sauces. They've got burgers, veggie burgers and chicken too. **\$**

SOUP & SANDWICH

The Bagel

994 Mountain Rd., Stowe, 253-8943 • Meats: B, L • delivery, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, veg-friendly, w-f • Get your bagel fix here before biting the trade. Also serving homemade soups, pasta and salads made to order. **\$**

Subboard Deli

4807 Route 16, Jeffersonville, 644-2669 • Meats: B, L, D; beer & wine • kid-friendly, outdoor seats, veg-friendly • Hungry after dinner? This all-purpose bakery and deli is a local source for sweet stuff, as well as sandwiches, wraps, salads and pizza-to-go. Carries and accepts reservations offered May through September. Open until 12 p.m. A/R on 4th. **\$**

Delibakery at The Tropp Family Lodge

700 Troy Hill Rd., Stowe, 253-5705 • Meats: B, L, D; beer & wine • gluten-free options • good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, veg-friendly, w-f • Bites and bites, ranging in to the lodge and casual eatery to snack on sandwiches — made with high-quality cold cuts — or sit down at a kitchen party and expense. Enjoy the mountain views or watch the bikers at work through a glass wall. **\$**

Drifter's Deli

4008 Route 108, Jeffersonville, 644-5700 • Meats: B, L; beer & wine • good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, seasonal, table service, veg-friendly • Located in a rustic former schoolhouse, this restaurant is known for its New York-style pizzas. All food, including signature sandwiches, is made to order. Closed on Sunday in spring and fall. **\$**



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■ AMERICAN CUISINE

Great Room Grill

6175 Mountain Rd., Stowe, 253-2002, ext. 2261 • **Meals:** L; full bar • **gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, seasonal, vegan-friendly, wi-fi** •

The food is served cafeteria-style, but is far from middle-school fare. Try the decadently grown-up breaded chocolate over polenta in a Market restaurant feeding yourself! Search on gourmet pastries. **\$**

Green Goddess

618 S. Main, Stowe, 253-5255 • **Meals:** B, L • **gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, vegan-friendly, wi-fi** • Build your own salad or choose from a selection of soups and sandwiches at this casual-elegant cafe. The extra-filly cheese wrap is a big hit, as is the soup du jour. There's a juice bar, too, as well as coffee drinks. **\$**

Jamie's on Main

1 Depot Building, Main St., Stowe, 253-0077 • **Meals:** B, L • **kid-friendly, veg-friendly** • Grab a sandwich or a bowl next to go — or play and eat at a table, inside or out. Suspecta served all summer long. **\$**

The Lovin' Cup

38 Lower Main West, Jefferson, 615-7423 • **Meals:** B, L • **kid-friendly, outdoor seats, vegan-friendly, wi-fi** • Breakfast only at this cafe, which is "like a big cozy living room with couches." They even have two computers for customer use. Don't miss the maple sausage and maple butter. Homemade soups, smoothies and breakfast burritos, too. **\$**

STEAKHOUSE/SEAFOOD

Harrison's

Restaurant and Bar
25 Main St., Stowe, 253-7773 • **Meals:** B, full bar • **gluten-free options, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly, wi-fi** • Located in historic Stowe Village, Harrison's serves appetizers, salads, steaks, skirt and seafood. Don't miss the homemade desserts. Lunch served in summer and fall only. **\$\$\$**

Hob Knob Inn & Restaurant

2364 Mountain Rd., Stowe, 253-8548 • **Cheese:** Mon., Tues., Sat. • **Meals:** B, full bar • **kid-friendly, res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly, wi-fi** • Located in a historic ski lodge — the first built in Stowe — this upscale eatery has an intimate, cozy feel. Serving certified Angus steaks, seafood and duck. **\$\$\$**

Morse Mountain Grill

Route 108 at Smugglers' Notch, Jeffersonville, 644-1247 • **Meals:** B, L; full bar • **gluten-free options,**

good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly, wi-fi, to-go • This local hot spot with mountain views specializes in steak and seafood dishes. Catch live entertainment on screens. **\$\$\$**

The Partridge Inn

Seafood Restaurant
504 Mountain Rd., Stowe, 253-4900 • **Cheese:** Tue.-Sat. • **Meals:** B; full bar • **kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly** • Try the stuffed salmon or the oysters at the chef-owned seafood restaurant, located in an old New England home. **\$\$\$**

Three Mountain Lodge Restaurant

Route 128, Jeffersonville, 652-544-5735 • **Cheese:** Mon. • **Meals:** B, L; full bar • **all-you-can-eat, gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly, wi-fi, live music** • Located in a log cabin, this restaurant is celebrating 25 years in business. Try the seafood Alfredo. New Zealand rack of lamb or one of the vegetarian specials. Wine bar and weekly entertainment. Brunch buffet on Sunday. **\$\$\$**

Winfield's Bistro at StoweLake

Route 174E Mountain Rd., Stowe, 253-7155 • **Meals:** B; full bar • **kid-friendly, res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly** • Every year since 1995, this upscale restaurant has received the All-American Award of Excellence. In cold weather you can sit by the fire. Call for reservations. **\$\$\$\$**

TRADITIONAL

158 Main

158 Main St., Jeffersonville, 652-644-8100 • **Cheese:** Mon. • **Meals:** B, B, L, full bar • **kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly** • This restaurant serves traditional and European dishes. Sample favorites, now local-friendly dishes. Try the sausage-served turn Good Monday. Call for winter hours. **\$\$**

Burt's Irish Pub

215 Lake Hill Rd., Stowe, 253-6075 • **Meals:** L; full bar • **good for groups, kid-friendly, drinks, other games, good, to-go** • This may well be the only Irish pub in Vermont owned by a Colombian. He celebrates his Irish. "It's nice like your mother's cooking," says owner Janet Norbano. **\$**

Carriage Room Restaurant at the Town and Country

876 Mountain Rd., Stowe, 253-7596 • **Cheese:** Mon., Tues., Wed., Sat. • **Meals:** B, L; full bar • **good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, res. recommended, seasonal, table**

Average Drink Prices

\$	\$12 and under	\$15	\$16-\$17
\$11	\$13 to \$15	\$18 to \$19	price to on object
\$12	\$10 to \$12		

service, veg-friendly, wi-fi • This family-oriented restaurant is known for its German waterscheidt. Choose the dining room or the Riverside Pub. Dinner is served in fall and winter only. Call first. **\$**

The Colonial Cafe at the Golden Eagle

Route 121 Mountain Rd., Stowe, 253-4811 • **Meals:** breakfast • **kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly, wi-fi** • Try the Eggs Benedict at this family-owned breakfast spot located on Rt. 100. **\$**

Dutch Pancake Cafe

190 Mountain Rd., Stowe, 253-5330 • **Meals:** B, B, L • **kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly, wi-fi** • The New York Times says you can find "the world's most delicious breakfast" at this casual, Dutch-themed eatery. Enjoy 80 varieties of Dutch pancakes — similar to crepes — which are covered by tulips and windmill motifs. **\$\$**

Gables Inn

Route 145T Mountain Rd., Stowe, 253-7710 • **Meals:** B; beer • **gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly, wi-fi** • The first French bistro you can find "the world's most delicious breakfast" at this casual, Dutch-themed eatery. Enjoy 80 varieties of Dutch pancakes — similar to crepes — which are covered by tulips and windmill motifs. **\$**

Geoff's at the Smugglers' Notch Inn

50 Church St., Jeffersonville, 644-6765 • **Cheese:** Mon., Tues., Wed., Sat. • **Meals:** B; full bar • **good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly, wi-fi, live music, other games, pool, to-go** • Enjoy the laid-back atmosphere while dining on surf 'n' turf. Crispy-battered pork loin or nightly specials, which include vegetarian offerings. Prime rib on Friday and Saturday. **\$\$\$**

Gracie's Restaurant and Gourmet Shop

Route 100E Eden Hill Rd., Stowe, 253-8211 • **Meals:** B; full bar • **gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly** • There are more than 85 steaks on the menu at this cozy Mountain Road restaurant that offers a diverse mix of salads, burgers, drinks and seafood. **\$**

Main Street Dining Room

18 Main St., Stowe, 253-7301 • **Meals:** B • **all-you-can-eat, kid-friendly, table service, wi-fi** • This beautiful country breakfast buffet features eggs, pancakes and an assortment of breads, muffins, bagels and fruit in a gracious, oak-paneled setting. **\$**

Himrock's Mountain Tavern

384 Mountain Rd., Suite 5, Stowe, 253-5593 • **Meals:** B, L; full bar • **good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, veg-friendly, dance floor, darts, live music, pool, to-go** • Lots of all-ages appreciate the gourmet pizza, wings and salads. Check out the Adirondack-style bar with occasional live music and DJs, and more. **Ts.** **\$**

The Shed Restaurant and Brewery

1859 Mountain Rd., Stowe, 253-4206 • **Meals:** L; full bar • **kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly, live music, to-go** • The 42-year-old restaurant has a large and diverse following and eight different kinds of homemade brew. Even the Shed burger is cooked in beer. There's live music Wednesday and pub specials Monday through Friday. **\$\$\$**

The Stonegrill Restaurant and Pub

156 Main St., Montpelier, 888-6865 • **Meals:** B, B, L; full bar • **kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly** • This family neighborhood restaurant serves up traditional American steak, seafood, roasted turkey dinners and more, plus "ask-your-own" as a hot item. **\$\$\$**

Yacht Club

Restaurant at the Commodore Inn

823 S. Main St., Stowe, 253-7321 • **Meals:** B, L; full bar • **all-you-can-eat, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, res. recommended, salad bar, table service, veg-friendly, wi-fi, darts, other games, to-go** • Choose the abundant dinner buffet or go with the soup and salad bar. The Commodore Sports Lounge next door has its own menu. This is also the home of the Stowe Hot Club — watch model sailboats race on the pond out back. **\$\$\$**

CHINESE

Green Dragon

8 Portland St., Montpelier, 888-2188 • **Meals:** L • **kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly** • There are three Chinese restaurants in Montpelier. This one gets 25. **\$**

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• ADAMS CONT.

Liu Lin's Asian Cuisine

30 Broadmont Place, Morrisville, 888-5813 • **M**exico L, **D** = beer & wine • kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly • This Chinese and Japanese restaurant serves up everything from Curry Dragon Meat — a special tuna roll topped with smoked eel — to Peking duck and ginger chicken skewers. There are lots of vegetarian dishes, too, as well as kiddie-sized portions for \$4.75. **Rs** **\$\$\$**

Lucky King Restaurant

394 Mountain Rd., Stowe, 253-0880 • **M**exico L, **D** = full bar • all-you-can-eat, good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly • At lunch, kids are charged 75 cents for each year up to age 12; at dinner, it's 60 cents per person. Try the steamed chicken or the \$30.95 dinner buffet. **Rs**

Wok N' Home

57 Lower Main St., Johnson, 635-2288 • **M**exico L, **D** = take-out, veg-friendly • Sample the sweet-and-sour chicken at Johnson's take Chinese spot. Limited seating is available. **Rs**

Wok N' Roll

500 Route 26, Morrisville, 888-8813 • **M**exico L, **D** = kid-friendly, veg-friendly • This take-out spot is famous for quick service. **Rs**

JAPANESE

Hana Japanese Hibachi Steakhouse

1128 Mountain Rd., Stowe, 253-8818 • **M**exico L, **D** = full bar • good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly • The manager promises "more than sushi" at this wide-ranging Japanese restaurant. Lunch on weekdays only. **\$\$\$**

THAI

Red Basil Thai Cuisine

234 Mountain Rd., Stowe, 253-4476 • **M**exico L, **D** = full bar • table service, veg-friendly • This Thai restaurant, which also serves sushi, brings a taste of Asia to the Mountain Road. The green curry is a favorite. **\$\$\$**

GERIES

Edelweiss Bakery & Cafe

325 Lower Main St., Johnson, 635-7946 • **C**losed Sun; **M**exico R, **S**, **L**, **D** = kid-friendly, outdoor seats, seasonal, table service, veg-friendly • The bakery-cafe housed in an old Victorian home, serves European-style dishes. They also offer pastries during every Wednesday evening from April through November. **Rs**

Thompson's Flour Shop (See location)

7 Main St., Morrisville, 888-2506 • 407 Mountain Rd., Stowe, 253-0880 • **C**losed Sun; **M**exico R, **L** = cash/check only, good for groups, kid-friendly, veg-friendly • Stop in for a sandwich or a cinnamon roll. Owner Kelly Thompson says, "It's an extension of our home." **Rs**

PUB

The Backyard Tavern

129 Mountain Rd., Stowe, 253-9294 • **M**exico L, **D**, **L**ater: full bar • good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, dart, live music, pool, tv • This friendly local bar also brings in a few tourists with chicken wings, cheeseburgers and a 50-inch plasma TV. There's a fireplace in the lounge. **Rs**

Brewski at the Notch

4037 Route 108, Jeffersonville, 884-8388 • **M**exico R, **D** = full bar • kid-friendly, dance floor, dart, karaoke, live music, other games, pool, tv sometimes cover • Noted for St. Aggie's Ice Bar in the Northeast by the *St. Aggie's* magazine, the atmosphere is really with a great reputation, like, what's that? There's a summer league. **Rs**

Corner Pocket

21 Portland St., Morrisville, 888-4880 • **M**exico L, **D** = full bar • cash/check only, good for groups, dart, live music, pool, tv • Try the house-smoked meats — made by the former owner and chef of Beef Steakhouse and Grill. He's famous for his ribs and appetizers for his wings, which come in 75 flavors. There are daily specials, too. **Rs**

Coalin's Pub at Stowehof

434 Elm Hill Rd., Stowe, 253-8722 • **C**losed Mon, Tues; **M**exico L, **D** = full bar • gluten-free options, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, no recommended, seasonal, table service, veg-friendly, wi-fi • Pub specialties and barroom anecdotes are on the menu at this full-service lounge located downtown from Emily's restaurant. Open June through October and December through March. **Rs**

Fireside Tavern at Stowe Mountain Resort

5781 Mountain Rd., Stowe, 253-3006 • **M**exico R, **L**, **D** = full bar • gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, seasonal, table service, veg-friendly, wi-fi, live music • You can sit in and enjoy this seasonal restaurant, located at the foot of a lift. Hearty breakfast and lunch food is served daily to slices swirled up for a day on the slopes or relaxing après. Dinner Friday and Saturday only. Winter only. **\$\$\$**

Average Drink Prices

\$	\$12 and under	\$155	\$21-\$25
\$2	\$13 to \$15	\$155	price by no object
\$5	\$15 to \$20		

or relaxing après. Dinner Friday and Saturday only. Winter only. **\$\$\$**

Kirkwood's Pub at Stowe Mountain Resort

Cape Cod Rd., Stowe, 253-4886 • **M**exico L, **D** = full bar • kid-friendly, outdoor seats, seasonal table service, wi-fi • It's located by the golf course with a view of the Worcester Range. Hot fella drop by for lunch, but a bar menu is available from 3 to 6 p.m. **Rs**

Ladies Invited

1056 Mountain Rd., Stowe, 253-9077 • **M**exico R, **L**ater: full bar • cash/check only, other games, pool, tv • Borrowing its name from a J. Loeb album, this bar offers a jukebox, video games and shuffleboard. Ask chef stop by for the steak-and-eggs, chicken and hot turkey sandwiches. **Rs**

Long Trail Tavern

1216 Route 26, Johnson, 635-3376 • **M**exico L, **D**, **L**ater: full bar, dart, live music, other games, pool, tv • The kitchen is small at this college hangout, but the grounds cover six acres. There's horseback and volleyball in the back, pool tables and a jukebox inside. **Rs**

Mattahom Restaurant

4849 Mountain Rd., Stowe, 253-8598 • **M**exico L, **D** = full bar • kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly, dance floor, live music, pool, tv • This restaurant, offering "The Stowe social experience," has been serving eclectic cuisine to tourists and locals for more than 50 years. Choose from traditional pub fare or sushi. **Rs**

The Pub at the Gray Fox Inn

590 Mountain Rd., Stowe, 253-5330 • **C**losed Mon, Tues, Sat; **M**exico L, **D** = full bar • kid-friendly, seasonal, table service, veg-friendly, wi-fi, tv • Experience "great dining and good times" at this casual, lounge-type pub. Don't miss prime-time nights Thursday to Saturday — patios and veg of the day are included. Other specials include the vegetable lasagna and a Dutch burger made with local cheese. **Rs**

Robbie's Wildlife Refuge

186 Pond Rd., Jeffersonville, 884-8827 • **M**exico R, **L**ater: full bar • cash/check only, good for groups, outdoor seats, veg-friendly, dance floor, dart, other games, pool, tv • Have a beer or a burger on the back deck of this cozy, wildlife-themed bar. In the summer, you can play horseshoes or volleyball. **Rs**



Rusty Nail Bar & Grill

1180 Mountain Rd., Stowe, 253-4245 • **M**exico L, **D** = full bar • good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, seasonal, table service, veg-friendly, wi-fi, dance floor, live music, pool, tv, sometimes cover • In summer, this restaurant doubles as a nightclub Thursday through Sunday. There's a view to Mount St. Helens and Mt. Washington, and locally "Hot dancing." Sample classic fare such as the "wagel" eggs (chicken and pasta) and St. Louis-style ribs. There's vegetarian portabella omelet, too. **\$\$\$**

Village Tavern

56 Church St., Jeffersonville, 884-6677 • **M**exico R, **D** = full bar • table service, wi-fi, dart, live music, other games, pool, tv • Catch live music several nights a week during all seasons at this local watering hole. The pub food is great because it comes from the Smuggler's Notch Inn upstairs. **\$\$\$**

FREE/TEA

Laughing Moon Chocolates

78 S. Main St., Stowe, 253-9501 • gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, veg-friendly • Best known for its confections, this sweetly rustic shop now offers specialty coffees, teas and made-from-scratch hot chocolate in "fondant" or white-chocolate glaze. **Rs**

Stowe Coffee House

518 Mountain Rd., Stowe, 253-2189 • **M**exico R, **L** = bar & wine • kid-friendly, veg-friendly, wi-fi, live music • This cozy coffeehouse, where everything is homemade — soups, granola, pastries and lots of quiche in the morning, pasta and lots of quiche in the afternoon, specialty coffee, tea and espresso drinks are available all day. **Rs**

The Dining Room at the Trapp Family Lodge

8900 Trapp Hill Rd., Stowe, 888-253-6123 • **M**exico R, **D** = full bar • gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, no recommended, table service, veg-friendly, wi-fi, live music • Classical trap music enhances the ambience of this traditional Austrian restaurant. There's also a "business-casual" dress code with colored shirts for men. Call for special dining requests. **\$\$\$\$\$**

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Lounge at the Trapp Family Lodge

699-700 Trapp Hill Rd., Stowe, VT 05652-5322 • Meats: L, B; full bar • gluten-free options, kid-friendly, outdoor seating, table service, vegan-friendly, wi-fi • A nice laid-back, affordable alternative to Trapp's main dining room, the restaurant also has a jazz period, 14 rooms, and a bar with an expansive view of the Worcester mountain range. \$\$\$

BRITISH/GASTROPUB

Mr. Pickwick's at Ye Old England Inn

431 Mountain Rd., Stowe, VT 05652 • Meats: B, B+, L, B; full bar • good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly, wi-fi, tv • Stowe walk and large front porch make the inside of this English country inn look like a castle. The cuisine is European "gastropub." The extensive selection of potatoes includes a large wire fry, and also and hot single orders. \$\$\$

ITALIAN/PIZZERIA

Angelina's Restaurant

49 Route 15, Cambridge, VT 0544-2011 • Meats: L, D • delivery, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly • This private pizza restaurant has authenticity in a red, white and green building where sales from Sanguigni's Kitch look for a wide variety of pizza toppings. Personalities, or deep-dish pizzas, are another specialty. \$

Foxfire Inn & Italian Restaurant

1800 Packer St., Stowe, VT 05657 • Meats: D; full bar • good for groups, kid-friendly, res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly • Dependable Italian art of eating at a farm-most country inn. The chicken spago and homemade garlic bread sticks are a winning combination. \$\$\$

Jeffersonville Pizza Depot

158 Main St., Jeffersonville, VT 05455 • Closed Mon., Tues.; Meats: D; full bar • delivery, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly, live music, tv • Upstairs from the 158 Main restaurant, they're serving up pizza, salads, calzones, sandwiches, wings and sandwiches. \$

Midland's Restaurant

18 Railroad St., Montpelier, VT 05602 • Meats: B+, L, B; full bar • delivery, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly • Come in for Italian specialty dinners or pizza before or after a serve at the Regis. The train station location features a rooftop lounge and

private dining room. Specializing in fresh seafood. Sunday brunch. \$\$\$

Monteville House of Pizza

32 Munson Ave., Montpelier, VT 05602 • Meats: L, B; beer & wine • good for groups, kid-friendly, veg-friendly • Diner-cook Petron Giamprini says his own recipes at this family, 33-year-old pizza shop. It's got pasta dishes, too. \$

Picasso Pizzeria & Lounge

699-700 Mountain Rd., Stowe, VT 05652-5421 • Meats: L, B; full bar • delivery, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly, wi-fi, karaoke, live music, tv • The only place in Stowe that doesn't, this contemporary restaurant offers hand-tossed New York-style pizzas as well as pasta, salads and entrees. Specialty pizzas whole or by the slice. \$

Pie in the Sky
482 Mountain Rd., Stowe, VT 05651-0100 • Meats: L, B; beer & wine • good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, vegan-friendly, tv • A contemporary restaurant offering hand-tossed New York-style pizzas as well as pasta, salads and entrees. Specialty pizzas whole or by the slice. \$

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The Pizza Joint

745 S. Main St., Stowe, VT 05652-4572 • Closed: Sun.; Meats: L, D • kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly, wi-fi • This pizza and Italian-casual eatery has all the staples, plus daily gourmet specials for lunch — everything from veggie burgers to chicken caesar bias and jumbo wings. \$

Stella Notte

44 DeJardin Rd., Jeffersonville, VT 05455 • Meats: D; full bar • gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, vegan-friendly, wi-fi, dance floor, live music, other games, pool, tv • At Stella Notte, their motto is "every night is a starry night." Country-style Italian fare includes local specialties such as the maple-cured tenderloin. There's a bar-lounge balcony, and an inside. Weekend brunch served during the summer. Call for hours. \$\$\$

Trattoria La Festa Restaurant

4880 Mountain Rd., Stowe, VT 05650 • Closed: Sun.; Meats: D; full bar • kid-friendly, outdoor seats, res. recommended, table service • A pair of Italian brothers and a pastry chef are co-owners of this cozy trattoria. The menu changes seasonally, as does the wine list, which boasts more than 250 wines from Italy. The dishes are authentic, and all the desserts are homemade. \$\$\$

Average Drink Prices

\$ 5.00 and under	\$5.00	\$10.00
\$5.01 to \$5.99	\$5.00	\$10.00
\$6.00 to \$6.99	\$5.00	\$10.00



MARKET & CAFE

Edelweiss Mountain Deli

2285 Mountain Rd., Stowe, VT 05652-4034 • Meats: B, L • kid-friendly, veg-friendly • There are decadent pastries, sandwiches, and smoothies for kids and adults at this mountain deli. \$

Harvest Market

1091 Mountain Rd., Stowe, VT 05652-4034 • Meats: B, L, D • delivery, kid-friendly, veg-friendly, wi-fi • A one-stop gourmet grocery offering salads, sandwiches, entrees and baked goods prepared in the house. Also cheeses, meats, wines and fresh produce. There's a full espresso bar, too. \$

SOUTH-OF-THE-BORDER

Cactus Cafe of Stowe

2160 Mountain Rd., Stowe, VT 05652-7770 • Meats: D; full bar • kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly, live music, tv • Live Tex-Mex music is served in hand-pressed adobe style dining rooms. Enjoy the specialties cooked in-house and 35 types of tequila. \$\$\$

Jose's Cantina

5785 Mountain Rd., Stowe, VT 05652-3569 • Meats: L, B; full bar • good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, vegan-friendly, wi-fi, live music • The cantina's menu with Vermont chicken is super popular as are the nachos, burgers and margaritas. Open December through March for lunch and après ski. \$

Miguel's Stowe Away Mexican Restaurant and Cantina at Sugarbush

59 Mountmore Rd., Sugarbush Village, Vermont, VT 05440 • Meats: B; full bar • gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, res. recommended, table service, vegan-friendly, pool, tv • South-of-the-border quality food of the members of this Mexican restaurant, located in Sugarbush Village. The fajitas, shrimp, enchiladas and chicken meals are big sellers. All the sauces are made from scratch. \$\$\$

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Claire's Restaurant & Bar

47 Main Street, Hardwick, 472-7053

The offerings at inaccessable Hardwick are a mix of fine folk and back-to-the-land. So it's not surprising that the "downtown" hosts both a rustic-roots store and a busy, homestyle diner.

But the bang boasts one totally unexpected entry: Claire's Restaurant & Bar. The chef, Steven Obanovich, has a culinary pedigree that extends from the California Culinary Academy to a pair of Michelin three-star restaurants in Strasbourg, France. At Claire's, he prepares intricate fare infused with global sensibilities.

Take, for example, a heaping plate of crisp calamari, topped with a scattering of kalamata olives and red Casa Cate orange capers. Served with a crust of garlicky aioli, it's a symphony of flavor and texture.

A thick cut, maple-glazed pork chop, topped with creamy chutney, is New England through and through. But a clever side dish — a baked apple stuffed with wild rice — makes it special.

Two more special is the prime, last spring, no-bean-on-the-burg-changin' menu, cost more than \$20 — not the mob deal with rustic mashed potatoes, nor the London Grill sprinkled with world-renowned Bayley Hazen blue cheese.

The pricing fits with the fun, communal vibe. The business is based on the "community supported" model, in which patrons are also investors. Staffers chat with customers, old friends greet one another from across the room, and the window into the kitchen lets diners watch the staff at work.

Even if you're not part of the Hardwick community, you can find plenty of reasons to "support" Claire's.



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The Alpine Resort at Jay Peak Resort

4050 Route 242, Jay, 888-2631 • **Hours:** R, D, full bar • all-you-can-eat, kid-friendly, table service, w-f • live music • The pro-fish dinner and \$12, all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet ensure that skiers get enough to eat before and after they hit the slopes. The signature dish here is slow-cooked Vermont split-apple- cider up a rib. • **\$\$\$**

Cafe Sweet Basil

32 Depot St., Lyndonville, 626-9713 • **Closed:** Mon., Tues., Sun. • **Hours:** R, D, full bar • cash/check only, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly • The menu here is mostly Southwestern, but specialties upon the globe, from Thai peanut noodles to "Holy Basil" — shrimp, scallops and lobster over linguine with lemon-peppercorn cream sauce. No lunch on Saturday. • **\$**

Chloe's Restaurant & Bar

41 Main St., Hardwick, 472-7053 • **Closed:** Tues., Wed., **Hours:** R, D, full bar • table service, all-you-can-eat, this music "Local ingredients, open to the world," defines Chloe's, where the community has bought in — literally. Chef Steven Greenleaf's creative dishes from Middle Eastern, Latin American, Asian and European influences, "Günch" served Sunday. • **\$**

Elements

555 Rt. 58, St. Johnsbury, 555-1488 • **Closed:** Mon., Sun. • **Hours:** R, D, full bar • gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, not recommended, table service, veg-friendly, w-f • "People are always saying, 'Can I feel like I'm in Soho,'" says Kerb Chamberlain, one of four partners behind this unique eatery. Try the smoked-duck-and-apple cake with tomato-ginger jam and warden cream franks. • **\$\$\$**

Highland Lodge Restaurant

555 Rt. 58, Putney, 555-1488 • **Closed:** Mon., Sun. • **Hours:** R, D, full bar • all-you-can-eat, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, not recommended, casual, table service, veg-friendly, w-f • A quintessential New England inn located in an old farmhouse overlooking Cripps Lake, Mount Rogers still has the ambience "old-fashioned perfection." The casually elegant menu changes daily. Desserts and drinks are homemade. • **\$\$\$**

Rabbit Hill Inn

48 Lower Rutland Rd., Lower

Waterford, 848-5168 • **Hours:** R, full bar • gluten-free options, no, required, table service, veg-friendly, w-f, darts • Condit dining in an elegant, upscale inn. The menu changes with the seasons. After dinner, visit the "Ready for Fall" pub for a drink. A grow room offers herbs and local produce, and there's also a cornucopia of gourmet Stone Island produce. made in Newch. • **\$\$\$\$**

River Garden Cafe

427 Route 134, East Burke, 626-9514 • **Closed:** Mon., Tues. • **Hours:** R, D, full bar • gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, no, recommended, table service, veg-friendly • Start off with deep-fried ravioli in tomato cream sauce and proceed to Mediterranean splines over cauliflower. After dinner, how about a stroll through the grounds? • **\$**

Tamarack Grill

221 Sherburne Lodge Rd., East Burke, 626-7290 • **Closed:** Mon., Tues. • **Hours:** R, D, full bar • gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, no, recommended, table service, veg-friendly, w-f • Starting with a salad, what's the next course? • **\$**

221 Sherburne Lodge Rd., East Burke, 626-7290 • **Closed:** Mon., Tues. • **Hours:** R, D, full bar • gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, no, recommended, table service, veg-friendly, w-f • Starting with a salad, what's the next course? • **\$**

Trellis at Inn on the Common

3152 N. Craftsbury Rd., Craftsbury Common, 555-6419 • **Closed:** Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Sun. • **Hours:** R, D, full bar • no, recommended, table service, veg-friendly • Chef-owner Jim Lombardi also recommends restaurants in the credit card dining room. The menu changes regularly. Closed in April and November. • **\$\$\$**

The Willow Vale Inn Restaurant

701 Route 54, Woodbury, 529-4123 • **Closed:** Mon., Tues. • **Hours:** R, D, full bar • good for groups, kid-friendly, no, recommended, seasonal, table service, veg-friendly, w-f • The dining room is small, but the dramatic view of Lake Willoughby is inspiring. Robert Frost wrote his poem "A Servant to Servants" after staying at the building in which the inn is now housed. Romantic getaway parties include meals at the restaurant. Closed in winter. • **\$\$\$**

DINER

Anthony's Diner

321 Rutland St., St. Johnsbury, 555-1488 • **Hours:** R, D, full bar • all-you-can-eat, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly, w-f • Freshness is the name of the game at this 30-year-old diner where the palette

is local and seasonal. It's the home of the "Woodman Burger," topped with bacon, lettuce, tomato, mayo and your choice of cheese. The potato chips are made in-house, and so are the pies. • **\$**

Miss Lyndonville Diner

405 Route 134, Lyndonville, 626-9514 • **Hours:** R, D, full bar • all-you-can-eat, kid-friendly, table service • Located in a 19th-century building, this diner is known for its extensive menu — including 37 different breakfasts — and speedy service. The customer base is a mix of local folks and loyal tourists who return every year. • **\$**

P&H Truck Stop

Route 102 & Rt. 101 (exit 12 off I-91), Wells River, 429-2341 • **Hours:** R, D, full bar • all-you-can-eat, table service • History to this roadside eatery have included the Road Network and a General TV store. Everything the bakery makes, on varieties of bread and meat, single-cream pie, creative burgers are served for motorists of trucks. • **\$**

SOUP & SANDWICH

Bailley's & Burke Cafe

455 Route 154, East Burke, 626-9250 • **Hours:** R, D, full bar • good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, veg-friendly, w-f • A general store featuring signature sandwiches such as "The Lobster" — a turkey stuffing and cranberry jelly sandwich. Gourmet pizza, soups and salads are on the menu, too. After eating, stop for wine, Vermont specialty products or toys. • **\$**

DeBarnville's General Store

47 Route 105, Edenfield, 642-1211 • **Hours:** R, D, full bar • all-you-can-eat, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly • Here you can get a huckleberry, a pair of suspenders or a new look at photos of wildlife while you eat in, or get your pizza, burgers and dip delivered. • **\$**

Eden Mini Mart and Deli

Route 105, Eden, 655-2456 • **Hours:** R, D, full bar • good for groups, kid-friendly, veg-friendly • "It seems so pretty rich when people feel like eating," says manager David Lefebvre. That means double dip fries and veggie specialties made to order. • **\$**

STEAKHOUSE/SEAFOOD

The Creamery Restaurant

44 Mt. St., Benning, 664-3656 • **Closed:** Mon., Tues. • **Hours:** R, D, full bar • good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly • The outdoor space changes nightly and there's always a selection of fresh fish. Vegetarians will find the

fried whole-belly salmon and the king crab. The downtown locale like an English pub. • **\$\$\$**

The Derby Cow Palace

1111 Route 5, Derby, 755-4724 • **Hours:** R, D, full bar • table service • Hunting-edge styling — including tweed and an arched doorway of entries — is part of the drive here. The beef is grill-fried, said Newmarket, but the ribs are served on an adjacent floor. When you stop over, the cowboys appear in their park in nearby parking. • **\$\$\$**

Jennifer's of Island Pond

18 Grass St., Island Pond, 729-6195 • **Hours:** R, D, full bar • all-you-can-eat, kid-friendly, seasonal, table service • Famous for the Friday night, \$4.99 all-you-can-eat seafood dinner, which includes a serving of soup or salad, potato and scallops, shrimp or lobster. On Saturday there's prime rib. Don't miss the sea-view terrace room. • **\$\$\$**

TRADITIONAL

Busy Bee

2005 Route 15, Glover, 525-0990 • **Closed:** Mon., Tues. • **Hours:** R, D, full bar • all-you-can-eat, outdoor seats, seasonal • The French-Canadian "poutine" rules at this busy little eatery that has been around since 1932 and seats just 15 people. Frito flip for the sweet-cottage-gravy and bacon if cheese sandwiches. No dinner in winter. • **\$**

Candlepin Restaurant

550 Barton Orleans Rd., Barton, 529-6513 • **Hours:** R, D, full bar • all-you-can-eat, table service, w-f • A traditional eatery in a family-friendly setting, where the slogan is, "Home-style cooking at its very best." Come for the daily specials and fresh seafood dishes. Sunday brunch. • **\$**

Danville Restaurant & Inn

26 Route 2 West, Danville, 554-1484 • **Closed:** Mon., Tues. • **Hours:** R, D, full bar • all-you-can-eat, no, recommended, table service • From 400 burgers, discounts the dining room at this inn, located in an 1847 Victorian building. Stevie Stone Cobb kitchen, his own bread and desserts, and believes his products to be "the best in the world." Dinner is buffet-style, and is served on Friday and Saturday by reservation only. • **\$\$\$**

Dining at Quimby Country

1127 Forest Lake Rd., Avon, 522-5533 • **Hours:** R, D, full bar • cash/check only, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, no, recommended, seasonal, table

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\$5	\$13 to \$15	\$100	price to no object
\$15	\$16 to \$15		



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The Eastside

Restaurant

41 Lathrop St., Newport, 334-2340
• Meats: B, D; full bar • all-
you-can-eat, delivery, good for
groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats,
table service, veg-friendly, live music.
• This place is famous for seafood
boats, as well as prime rib and local
peas. Breakfast on weekends only.
Sunday buffet. \$\$\$

Goodfellow's Restaurant and Tavern

59 Parker Rd., Barre, 748-4269
• Good: Men, Tues.; Meats: L, D; full
bar • good for groups, kid-friendly,
outdoor seats, res. recommended,
salad bar, table service, veg-friendly.
• This family country-style tavern
has a thing for maple syrup. They use
it in all their food and drink and as
an accent. There's a full salad bar, prime
rib on Friday and Saturday and local
ice cream. \$\$

The Hardwick

Village Restaurant

74 S. Main St., Hardwick, 472-5700
• Meats: B, L, D; beer & wine • good
for groups, kid-friendly, table ser-
vice, veg-friendly • Set yourself at
Hardwick's homestyle dining: when
everything is fresh and homemade. Locals
love the \$12.95 steak dinner — your
choice of a Salisbury or Tri-Tip steak is
served, followed by the cream
corn or baked macaroni pot. \$

The Jay Village Inn & Restaurant

1078 Route 242, Jay, 988-2396
• Meats: D; full bar • kid-friendly,
outdoor seats, table service, w-f,
pool, to • The relaxed, family-style
restaurant serves a fresh-homemade
chili, hand-cut steaks and shrimp and
scallops in garlic cream sauce or
veal. Pub fares include buffalo
wings, onion rings and macaroni
and cheese. \$\$\$

Juniper's at the Wildflower Inn

2054 Daring Hill Rd.,
1078 Lyndonville, 426-4310
• Good: Men, Tues.; Meats: B, L, D; full
bar • gluten-free options, good for
groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats,
table service, veg-friendly, w-f •
lively — and heavenly — comfort food
served up in a country-lan setting.
The popular seafood and shepherd's
pie are made from all-organic beef.
Don't eat here? There's polenta or
gratin and eggplant meuniere. From the
vine is organic. \$\$\$

Lyndon Frighthouse

2000 Broad St., Lyndonville,
924-6260 • Meats: B, L, D; beer &
wine • kid-friendly, table service,
live music • The location may be old-
fashioned — the view is a restored
18th-century house overlooking an
intricate ice-cream of 18th-
century Lyndonville — but the food is totally
that century. Think organic, grass-fed
local beef, organic wine and 30
ice-cream flavors made on site. \$

Mooselook

Restaurant

1058 Main St., Concord, 695-
2995 • Meats: B, L, D • good for
groups, kid-friendly, table service,
veg-friendly • You can fill up for a
fair price at this homey restaurant —
patrons love the burgers — but don't
forget to leave room for dessert: The
pie, cakes and scones are homemade. \$

Rooster's Deli and Cafe

4267 Route 5, Derby, 334-4556
• Good: Men, Tues.; Meats: B, L • table
service, w-f • Owners help themselves
to coffee at this family-owned and
operated cafe. Don't leave the french
toast outside. \$

Upper Village Grill & General Store

2967 Scott Highway, Groton, 584-
8101 • Meats: B, L, D • kid-friendly,
outdoor seats, table service, veges-
friendly, w-f • Scenic vistas, lobster
and crabs are big customers at this
convenience store and eatery located
near Groton State Forest. Set, popcorn,
soda, playing cards or a "bearded"
two-patched apron as an English
muffin with butter or sausage and
hashbrowns. They sell all kinds of food.
\$

Wamer's Gallery

2284 Route 302, Wells River,
429-2120 • Good: Men, Tues.; Meats:
B, L, D; full bar • good for groups,
kid-friendly, salad bar, table service,
veg-friendly • A 50-room hotel that
featuring shrimp and string beans is just
the beginning of this vintage-filled
dinner spot. Prime rib and surf 'n' turf
are specialties. Sunday brunch. \$\$\$

Wan

Khann's Thai Cuisine

1112 Memorial St., St. Johnsbury,
761-4424 • Meats: L, D; beer & wine
• kid-friendly, table service, w-f •
The only Thai restaurant in St. Johnsbury
serves lots of duck dishes and
red curry with shrimp. The seafood is
fresh, and so are the vegetables. \$

Wino

Valhalla Restaurant and Pub at the Inglenook Lodge

3866 Route 242, Jay, 988-2680
• Meats: B, D; full bar • kid-friendly,
table service, w-f, karaoke, live
music, live • The decor is inspired by
European old lodges, and the food
service — one featuring traditional
German fare, the other American com-
fort food — changes nightly. Try the
maple bourbon pork loin with roasted
peas, mashed potatoes. \$\$\$

French

L'Astrum at the Craftsbury Inn

307 S. Craftsbury Rd., Craftsbury,
585-2848 • Good: Men, Tues.; Meats:
B, L, D; beer & wine • gluten-free options,
good for groups, kid-friendly,
outdoor seats, res. recommended,
seasonal, table service, veges-
friendly • On the way from Jay you'll
find the french food without pretense.
The table service is formal, but guests
are encouraged to dine casually. Al-
though the fine wines from day to day
are not a constant, breakfast and
brunch open to the public in certain
seasons. \$\$\$

San Pizzaro

Hardwick House of Pizzas

1000 St. N., Hardwick, 472-3388
• Meats: L, D; beer & wine • good for
groups, kid-friendly, veg-friendly
• Full get fast. Friendly service — and
all your best past — at this pizzeria.
Get yours to go or sit in a dining
room adorned with an Italian village
mural. \$

Lago Trattoria

85 Main St., Newport, 334-4322
• Meats: D; full bar • good for groups,
kid-friendly, outdoor seats, res.
recommended, table service, veg-
friendly, w-f, to • Ready for fine
Mediterranean dining on the shores of
Lake Memphremagog? Options include
grilled flatbread pizzas, from 6 to 12
and a 16-ounce rib-eye stuffed with
goat cheese. The extensive wine list
specifies bottles ranging in price from
\$10 to \$200. \$

Lyndonville House of Pizzas

85 Main St., Lyndonville, 426-4500
• Meats: L, D; beer & wine • delivery,
good for groups, kid-friendly, table
service, veg-friendly, to • But it's
important to eat here: at this family-
style restaurant serving pizzas, pasta
and Greek specialties. Although the
TV is often tuned to sports, outdoor
patio is free, too. \$

Ramona's Brick Oven

1216 Railroad St., St. Johnsbury,
334-6500 • Meats: L, D; beer & wine
• delivery, good for groups, kid-
friendly, outdoor seats, table ser-
vice, veg-friendly, w-f • Customer
service is the number-one priority at
this eatery where most of the customers
are regulars and you get "a lot of
food for your money." The chicken
sauce and spicy buffalo mix are fresh,
as is the chicken pizza. \$

St. Johnsbury House of Pizzas

287 Portland St., St. Johnsbury,
334-5544 • Meats: L, D; beer &
wine • good for groups, kid-friendly,
table service, veg-friendly, w-f •
This business has been family-owned
since 1979. They are all the standard
pizzas, plus anything a customer might
request. The events, family recipes
we used for Greek specialties such as
spanakopita and baklava. \$

The Parker Pie Company

160 County Rd., West Glover,
924-5255 • Good: Men, Tues.; Meats:
B, L, D; beer & wine • good for
groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats,
reservations, w-f, to • All-ages shows
• "Highly conversational," take
place in the intimate dining room, and
the pizza is "probably the best in
Newport," located on water Street.
Menu. He recommends the Margherita
with basil, tomatoes and cheese.
There's a pie for dessert, too as apple,
pumpkin and pecan varieties. \$

Market & Café

Buffalo Mountain Food Co-op Cafe

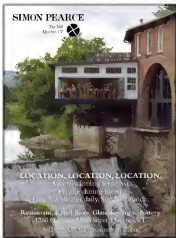
18 Main St., Hardwick, 472-4820
• Good: Men, Tues.; Meats: B, L •
gluten-free options, kid-friendly,
vegan-friendly, w-f • The staff at
this community-run co-op cafe
that there's something delicious for
everybody. Alongside the vegetarian
and vegan fare we dishes made with
organic meats. Settle into the cafe for
an espresso or made-to-order smoothie. \$

Newport Natural Foods Cafe & Montgomery's Cafe

184 Main St., Newport, 334-3626
• Meats: B, L, D; beer & wine •
gluten-free options, good for groups,
kid-friendly, salad bar, veges-
friendly, w-f • The full-service
natural foods store has been around
for 30 years; the coffee and hot bars
are slightly younger. Global specialties
include quinoa enchiladas, turkey
salad wraps and three-layer quesadillas.
Limited menu on Sunday. \$

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7 NIGHTS
UPPER
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Osteria Pane e Salute

37 Central Street, Woodbury, 65190

For folks who haven't had the pleasure of exploring the Italian countryside, it's possible to find at Pane e Salute without sampling a single familiar dish.

At the eight-table eatery—which blends cool, modern decor with a few rustic touches—the menu is based on “heroic” recipes that Chef Barber and Denise Heekin have gathered during their annual travels to “La bel paese.”

The nightly tasting menu, which is elegantly paired with Italian wines from the cellar, changes depending on what's seasonal and arriving. True to the spirits of both Italy and Vermont, much of it is prepared from ingredients grown in the restaurant's garden, or produced by area farmers and artisans.

On one evening, a wedge of water-buffalo ricotta from Woodstock's own dairyery is set atop roasted asparagus as an appetizer. Another is a pile of lightly dressed, nutty arugula with beet, cubed, roasted potato slices and house-pickled fennel on the side. A prior portion of ricotta comes topped with pork-chuck ragù and, for the main course, squid is wrapped around black-olive paste, roasted and served with a side of artichoke.

Remember the restaurant is so small, it's not unusual to find Chef Barber and Heekin—the run the front of the house—doing everything themselves. Barber may pop out of the kitchen to drop off a bowl of al dente pasta topped with garlicky bread

crumbs and cauliflower, or a flagrant portion of braised braised pork shoulder with lavender-scented white bean puree.

Meanwhile, Heekin could be putting together an elegant cheese plate or recommending the restaurant's infused liqueurs, such as her special rose-petal-scented brandy.

Patrons who have seen the duo gracefully negotiate the restaurant won't be surprised to learn that they studied modern dance before becoming restaurateurs. They've also authored two books together, and Heekin has won prizes for her fiction.

With that much creativity between them, it's no wonder Barber and Heekin's pasta is a work of art.

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UPPER VALLEY

• DINER COUNT

The Farmers Diner

5573 Woodstock Rd., Quaches, 250-295-4800 • **Meat:** B, L, R; full bar • **kid-friendly, table service, wi-fi** • At the antique district, 50 cents of every dollar goes directly to farmers and producers within a 70-mile radius. The kind of eggs with house-made corned beef is a best seller. In summer there's a dairy bar featuring certified Superior cow's milk. Diner served June through October. **B**

Katner's Second Cup Cafe

36 Catron Dr., Bethel, 234-8323 • **Meat:** B, L, R • **gluten-free options, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly** • "It's not been cooking up soups, stews and homemade desserts for as long as I'm used to read recipes," says owner Rhonda Katner. They cook their own turkey for sandwiches, too. Try the bread pudding and Vermont-y desserts such as maple cobblers and maple-pie pop. **B**

Polka Dot Diner

1 Main St., White River Junction, 295-9722 • **Closed:** Mon.; **Meat:** B, L • **cash/check only, good for groups, kid-friendly, table service** • "You'll be treated like family at this relaxed-chill diner, which serves breakfast all day. Ome's a specialty and is served solo or atop burgers and dogs. Vermont classics like trout and shepherd's pie also grace the menu. **B**

SOUP & SANDWICH

Bliss Village Store & Deli

158 Main St., Bradford, 222-4467 • **Meat:** B, L, R • **kid-friendly** • Locals stop by this village store for lunch specials, homemade soups and sandwiches. The "Wien Stret" — with turkey, beer and Swiss cheese — is a big seller. **B**

STEAKHOUSE/SEAFOOD

Boston's Black Angus Steakhouse

5817 Woodstock Rd., Quaches, 295-1111 • **Meat:** L, R; full bar • **good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, res. recommended, salad bar, table service, wi-fi, live music, pool, tv** • The dining room is decorated with wye wheels and saddles, and the aged beef is medium, too. Want the fine-foam salad bar with that? Fine, but sprints 15¢ and the bar is spotty only. **B**

Kadron Valley Inn Restaurant & Tavern

13671 South Rd., South Woodstock, 457-5473 • **Closed:** Tue., Wed.; **Meat:** B, L; full bar • **gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, res. recommended,**

seasonal, table service, veg-friendly, wi-fi, date, tv • Enjoy hearty fare in a rustic alpine town or dining room. Even on late the Sunday "Burger and Brew" — a Canadian fare party with a live acoustic band — and flat against with red-wine-mushroom dumplings. Call for hours. **B**

Tozier's Restaurant

2418 River St., Bethel, 234-9403 • **Meat:** L, R; full bar • **kid-friendly, seasonal, table service** • A rustic dining room seats 120 at this lobster house. The Friday night seafood chowder is all the rage, and the whole raine, haddock dishes and fish 'n' chips are also popular. Lots of salads too. Open April through October. **B**

TRADITIONAL

Barnard General Store & Cafe and Bakery

6134 Route 52, Barnard, 234-0488 • **Meat:** B, L • **gluten-free options, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, veg-friendly, wi-fi** • It's 1950s on route number and a wood stove gives this general-store cafe a rustic appeal. But the eatables have modern sensibilities. The pre-perked breakfast — served all day — includes kale chutney and homemade corned beef hash. Cookies and puddies are made in-house. **B**

Bentley's Restaurant

1 Glen St., Woodstock, 467-1232 • **Meat:** B, L, R; full bar • **good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly, wi-fi, dance floor, live music, tv** • Serving comfort food in a Whitehall-converted dining room for more than 30 years, you can add chicken or shrimp to the "Bentley's signature salad," meaty greens topped with apples, cranberries, walnuts and Gorgonzola. Sunday brunch. **B**

Eaton's Sugarhouse Restaurant and Gift Shop

1894 Route 14, South Fayston, 788-8808 • **Meat:** B, L • **table service** • The pastiches are like the maple-pie pop in "Yellow" and the turkey for sandwiches is roasted and sliced in-house. Eaton's also makes and sells yogurt, Vermont jellies, jams and homemade maple syrup and maple syrup. Closed on Wednesday in winter. **B**

Fire Stones Restaurant

Route 4, Watmore Place, Quaches, 295-1508 • **Meat:** B, L, R; full bar • **kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, live music** • Hot wood-fired Entenmil at this rustic-eclectic eatery. Also try pasta dishes, drinks and items cooked on the new outdoor. Live entertainment Thursday and Sunday night. Brunch on Sunday only. **B**

Junction House Buffet

19 S. Main St., White River Junction, 295-1778 • **Meat:** B, L, R; beer & wine • **all-you-can-eat, table service, vegan-friendly** • Five buffets are inclusive or vegan-friendly but this one is. "Some people are turned off by the term 'vegan,'" says owner Lynn Caple. "But when you eat the food, you see they kind of go together." **B**

Mountain Creamery

33 Central St., Woodstock, 457-1725 • **Meat:** B, L • **cash/check only, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, seasonal, table service** • The owners grow their own vegetables and raise beef cattle and pigs for their pulled pork and berries and flatbread. The apple pie, cobblers, potato salad and ice cream are also made from scratch. **B**

The Peasone

1657 Route 302, Stockbridge, 234-9434 • **Closed:** Mon., Tue.; **Meat:** L, R; full bar • **gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly, live music, tv** • They offer to children here with toys and computer games. The steak pits are popular, and the pasta dishes are big sellers, too. There's also a selection of assembly priced "meal plates." **B**

Spooner's

217 Main Street, Wg. Woodstock, 457-4866 • **Closed:** L; full bar • **good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly, tv** • Bread and a house salad come with every entrée, and you can watch 'em toss the greens in the open "garden manager" room. Get yours with the renowned "Mac & Mac sauce." A Cajun steak combined with blue cheese, bacon and scallions. **B**

Your Place Restaurant

Route 5, Fitcher, 333-8058 • **Closed:** Mon., Tues., Wed.; **Meat:** B, L; full bar • **good for groups, kid-friendly, table service** • The newly built crowd buys lots of Rindens and grilled trout sandwiches. The fresh seafood dishes and weekend prime rib specials are hot, too. A surprise Wi-Fi bar and online. **B**

CAMBODIAN

Ankor Wat

42 Pleasant St., Woodstock, 457-9529 • **Meat:** B, R; \$200 • **gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, vegan-friendly** • Vermont's only Cambodian eatery and serves Khmer cuisine, which combines Chinese Vietnamese, Thai Indian and French influences. It is an

open kitchen, the chef prepares fire to diners' specifications. The owner calls the food "100 percent fresh." **B**

CHINESE

Chan's House

184 Main St., Bethel, 232-5474 • **Meat:** L, R; full bar • **table service, tv** • The first "friendly family-run restaurant since it's up Jackson-style. Try the General Lee chicken or the crab napkins. **B**

China Moon

42 Sykes Ave., White River Junction, 295-9088 • **Meat:** L, R; beer & wine • **all-you-can-eat, good for groups, kid-friendly, salad bar** • Hot and sour soup, General Tso's, house-made dumplings and rice bags draw diners to this buffet and take-out spot adjacent to the bus terminal. Free rib featured on weekends. **B**

INDIAN

The Sunny Oasis

179 Lower Plain, Bradford, 222-4487 • **Closed:** Mon.; **Meat:** B; full bar • **good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly, wi-fi** • Fine Indian cuisine at the Bradford Hotel, just off of exit 16 on I-91. Sample homemade Indian dishes such as curries, shrimp and lamb and tandoor (barbecue), or American fare including a flame-broiled Delmonico with garlic butter and buffalo wings. **B**

BAKERIES

Alibachans (Two locations)

888 Main St. and Elm, Norwich, 608-2846 • 61 Central St., Woodstock, 457-3390 • **Closed:** Sun.; **Meat:** B, L, R • **gluten-free options, outdoor seats, veg-friendly** • The bakery, which also features a selection of prepared foods and gourmet goods, has two locations. Artisan breads include baguettes, brioche and pretzels as well as, in some cases, loaves and bread pudding. Norwich location closed on Sunday. **B**

King Arthur Flour Cafe (at the Baker's Store)

115 Route 5, Norwich, 608-3383 • **Meat:** B, L • **outdoor seats, veg-friendly, wi-fi** • The cafe at King Arthur Flour serves up sections of baked goods and more. Soups and sandwiches are made daily and there's no cappuccino and espresso drinks. Free samples, too. **B**

\$	\$10 and under	\$105	\$10-\$120
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Maple Grove Coffee House & LuLu Belles Treats

1 Quebec Main St., at Fat Rat Garage, Quechee, 266-0011 • **Chef:** Sami Weiler, B. L. • **good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, veg-friendly, w-6** • Owner and retail manager Christine Lomax recommends the spiced ginger pound cake and chocolate-espresso cake at her wholesale bakery and cafe. After enjoying a freshly made cone, bring home a take-and-bake quiche. **\$**

THE CLUBHOUSE

PUB

The Hungry Bear Pub & Grill

715 Lower Plain, Rutland, 222-6288 • **Meats:** L, D; full bar • **good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly, w-6** • Get a buffalo chicken wing station or a full 'n' surf with fresh seafood and hand-cut steak. The local crowd digs the relaxed vibe and the steers on tap, including local micro-beers and Bud Lite. Chesapeake Factory slices are popular for dessert. **\$**

Jasper Murdoch's Alehouse

600 S. Main St., Norwich, 262-6409 • **Meats:** L, D; full bar • **gluten-free options, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly, w-6** • Located inside the Norwich Inn, this alehouse offers its own, award-winning beer as well as upscale pub food. It's located near the Dartmouth campus, so the crowd includes lots of professors and students. The crab cakes are a big hit. No lunch on Monday. **\$**

Long Trail Brewing Company Visitors Center & Pub

9403 Route 4, Bridgewater Center, 672-6001 • **Meats:** L, beer & wine • **good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly, w-6** • Sit at rustic picnic tables while enjoying an burger, fries, wings and homemade onion rings. There are six-packs beers on draught at all times, including a seasonal offering. In summer, hang out on the rewards deck. **\$**

Skunk Hollow Tavern

12 Brownville Rd., Rutland Fair Green, 486-2119 • **Chefs:** Marc, Tom • **Meats:** L, D; full bar • **kid-friendly, table service, live music** • Get at the elegant upstairs dining room or downstairs in the English pub. After work, you can enjoy casual favorites such as fish 'n' chips or bar food like such as flat riggies or baked hamachi. The building dates back to the 1790s. **\$**

FREE/TEA

Three Bean Cafe

222 Pleasant St., Randolph, 728-5933 • **Chefs:** Sami Weiler, B. L. • **cash/credit only, gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, veg-friendly, w-6** • Soup and sandwich special — of up local ingredients — change only, and the resident, waffles and other goodies are homemade. You'll find the usual coffee drinks, including cappuccino and espresso, all with beans from Vermont Coffee Company. Open on two more Thursdays. **\$**

ELECTIC

The Prince & the Pauper

224 Elm St., Woodstock, 462-5812 • **Meats:** L, D; full bar • **gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, no recommended, table service, veg-friendly** • An intimate, chef-owned restaurant in a converted 1802 carriage house. The chef-free lunch changes nightly, but the bar menu of lunch-wedding in puff pastry — "Three Kingsday" — is always on the menu. There's a 1/2 price happy menu. **\$\$\$\$**

WED

FRENCH

Carpenter & Main

126 Main St., Norwich, 262-6409 • **Chefs:** Marc, Tom • **Meats:** L, D; full bar • **gluten-free options, good for groups, outdoor seats, no recommended, table service, veg-friendly** • The menu changes regularly at this chef-owned restaurant, where the dogs in French local ingredients cooked in the French tradition. "Accordingly, the eating features a casual bistro menu — the Wood Creek burger is a best seller — as well as upscale fine dining. **\$\$\$\$**

The Parker House Inn & Restaurant

1792 Burkeham Main St., Quechee, 266-6017 • **Chefs:** Marc, Tom • **Meats:** L, D; full bar • **gluten-free options, good for groups, outdoor seats, no recommended, table service, veg-friendly, w-6** • Live music • The French and Irish American play in the background while down enjoy seasonal cheese fondue — such as brie, cheddar and pork chops — and medium comfort food. The dining room boasts French-gothic architecture and 18th-century New France. **\$\$\$\$**

MEAT/PIZZA

Cockadoodle Pizza Cafe

300 Main St., Bethel, 234-8686 • **Meats:** L, D; beer & wine • **cash/credit only, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, veg-friendly, w-6** • The "Bettler Bread" pizza — with chicken, broccoli, onions, bacon and ranch dressing — is a best seller. So is "Half 'n' Half," made on a perfect grill. A basket of five large bags topped with green onions and w-6 is easily shared. **\$**

Coltains Exit

354 Main St., Randolph, 222-6008 • **Meats:** L, D; full bar • **delivery, kid-friendly, table service, w-6, live music** • Slow the country-style Italian food is made from scratch, and the family-friendly dining room is casual. There are hand-cut steaks, seafood entrees and fresh salads. Local musicians provide entertainment. **\$**

Main Street Pizza

174 Main St., Randolph, 222-4523 • **Chefs:** Marc, Tom • **Meats:** L, D; delivery, good for groups, kid-friendly, veg-friendly, w-6 • This fast, friendly and casual eatery. They sell lots of the standard pies, with fresh meat and toppings, along with salads, subs, pasta dishes and calzones. **\$**

Monacos NY Style Pizzeria

Route 4, Barre, 266-7706 • **Meats:** L, D; delivery, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, veg-friendly • This Quebec pizza joint "delivers everywhere" and offers "absolutely homemade" pizzas and all'parmesan toppings. Don't miss the "Chicken Bacon Melt." All of the toppings are made fresh, including the roasted peppers and the meats. Open on Monday and Tuesday in winter. **\$**

Osteria Pane

o Salute (See pg. 26)

60 Central St., Woodstock, 462-6812 • **Chefs:** Marc, Tom • **Meats:** L, D; beer & wine • **gluten-free options, no recommended, table service, veg-friendly** • There are only eight tables at this intimate regional-Italian eatery, where the seasonal menu changes weekly and features some home-grown ingredients. An adobo, all-Italian wine cellar is stocked with aging organic red varietals. After you dine, pick up a copy of the owners' cookbook. **\$\$\$\$**

Randolph Village Pizza

1 S. Main St., Randolph, 728-9677 • **Meats:** L, D; beer & wine • **good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly** • Everything is homemade at this 20-year-old pizza and pasta joint. The pizza comes in lots of varieties, such as vegetarian "All-meat," Greek and Hawaiian, but the "Village Special" is a best seller. It's topped with pepperoni, onions, olives, mushrooms and sausage. **\$**

Royalton Village Pizza

5289 Route 24, Royalton, 743-2800 • **Meats:** L, D; beer & wine • **kid-friendly, veg-friendly** • Exceptional service is the hallmark of this pizza joint, where "customer requests are always honored." There are lots of specialty pies, including Greek Hawaiian and a loaded veggie version. According to one business partner, the steak 'n' cheese is "the best in the world." **\$**

MARKET & CAFE

Woodstock Farmers' Market

148 Woodstock Rd., Woodstock, 462-3658 • **Chefs:** Marc, Tom • **Meats:** L, D; kid-friendly, outdoor seats, salad bar, veg-friendly • Hot and cold entrees, fresh soups and numerous salads change daily. Get 25 separate sandwiches — prepared to order between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. — are menu standards. The market itself features specialty products such as chocolate and imported olive oil. **\$**

SOUTH-OF-THE-BORDER

The Bare Mexican Restaurant

17 S. Main St., Randolph, 728-4572 • **Chefs:** Marc, Tom • **Meats:** L, D; beer & wine • **gluten-free options, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly** • Owner Gary Demme enjoys local, south-of-the-border food. He lived in Mexico for five years, and uses family recipes for traditional specialties such as carne macha, chilaquiles and turkey mole. Read more about the food of the sunny southlands from the "wall of hot sauce." No lunch on winter. **\$**

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SAMPLE MENUS

STARTERS

Black Olive Caesar Salad
Lobster Cocktail, Tarragon Bourne Blanc
Chicken & Mushroom Dumplings,
Truffle Oil and Soy Demi Glace
Venison Egg Rolls
Dijon Mustard Demi Glace
Crab Pancakes, Lime Zest Emulsion

ENTREES

Coriander Crusted Bistro Steak,
Crusted Pepper Cream

Grilled Haddock,
Yellow Curry Coconut Sauce

Bacon & Brie Stuffed Chicken Breast,
Balsamic Cream

Roasted Duck Breast, Maple Demi Glace

STARTERS

Waldorf Salad
Creamy Vinaigrette, Bacon, Apples,
Candied Walnuts, Sharp Cheddar

Venison Cigar Rolls
Maple Horse radish Dipping Sauces

Seared Scallops
Wine Anjou, Marinated Red Peppers,
Creamy Pasta

ENTREES

Seared Red Snapper
Chilled Asan Noodle Salad,
Orange Cardamom Glaze

Buttermilk Marinated Pork Chop
Spicy Black Beans, Mango Salsa
Fried Plantains

Grilled Filet Mignon
Garlic Mashed Potatoes,
Tarragon Mushrooms Cream Sauce

APPETIZERS

Shitake Ginger Miso Soup
Cabbage Spring Roll

Asparagus & Parmesan Frittata
Tomato and Basil Salad

Mini Mushroom Crepes
Shredded Duck Confit
Cherry Orange Compote

ENTREES

Creamy Tofu and Spinach Dip
Stuffed Artichoke
Grilled Red Onion
Roasted Garlic Tomato Sauce

Coriander Crusted Leg of Lamb
Curried Potato Cauliflower Stew
Minted Pea Salad

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McGrath's Irish Pub at the Inn at the Long Trail

709 Route 4, Killington, 775-7781

When two adventure travelers get "rock," they're usually talking about music. At McGrath's Pub, in an inn on Pico Mountain, they mean it literally: The dining room and pub are built around a massive boulder.

In addition to nature's contribution to the decor, the bustling bar area is packed with Irish memorabilia, from gaily Guinness ads to facsimiles of historical documents. On one blustery day, hungry patrons in ski clothes watch rugby on a massive flat-screen TV and tack down pints of ale. In one corner, a digital clock counts down 'til the next St. Paddy's Day. The fun, friendly vibe is enhanced by Irish music, from classic tunes to U2 hits.

It's no surprise that the cuisine flows the same way as the songs. A corned-beef platter, burgers and beer-braised oysters all grace the menu. And, of course, there's a thick Irish stew, made with hunks of beef, potatoes, carrots and peas — and just a hint of beer.

Not interested in eating Irish? There's roasted duck with pear sauce, a vegetarian model and a very Vermont-y baked veal with maple ham and cheddar, too.

Appetizers range from \$2.94 for a bowl of soup to \$6.50 for seared-stuffed salmon. Entrees max out at \$16.95.

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RUTLAND/ KILLINGTON

AMERICAN

CONTEMPORARY

Choices Restaurant and Rotisserie

202 Killington Rd., Killington, 432-4038 • **Cheese** Men., **Tues:** **Meat** Fri., **Sat:** **full bar** • **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly** • There's an extensive menu — with lots of seafood, steak and homemade pasta — at this casually elegant eatery with its upscale bar and great mountain views. Try the outdoor smoker of chicken, lamb and pork. Closed Monday and Tuesday in summer. Sunday brunch is free. \$\$\$

Heli's at the Mountainview Lodge

78 Route 4, Mendon, 733-4311 • **Cheese** Men., **Tues:** **Meat** Fri., **Sat:** **full bar** • **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly** • Sample Eastern European and New American specialties near the stone fireplace or on the deck overlooking Pine Mountains. Closed Monday. Free chocolate lava cake. Want a "sacred leg"? It's a scotch-lamb of hot apple cider and more. \$\$\$

Hemingway's Restaurant

498 Route 4, Killington, 432-3888 • **Cheese** Men., **Tues:** **Meat** Fri., **Sat:** **full bar** • **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly** • Co-owner Ted Fendolis is an award-winning chef. You can dine at the rustic wine cellar, under chandeliers in the elegant main room, or in a cozy back room with a fireplace. Multicourse and wine-tasting menus available. Sometimes closed on Tuesday. \$\$\$

Lilac Inn

52 Park St., Brandon, 247-5463 • **Cheese** Men., **Tues:** **Meat** Fri., **Sat:** **full bar** • **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly** • Tucson steak salad is an example of the "Spanish American" cuisine served in this elegant-but-comfortable country inn. Call for hours. \$\$\$

Ovation

Restaurant at the Killington Grand

228 East Mountain Rd., Killington, 432-4111 • **Cheese** Men., **Tues:** **Meat** Fri., **Sat:** **full bar** • **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly** • The specialties dining room boasts white linens, but the casual fare ranges from burgers to flat pizzas. \$\$\$

Restaurant at the Birch Ridge Inn

37 Route 16, Killington, 432-4293 • **Cheese** Men., **Tues:** **Meat** Fri., **Sat:** **full bar** • **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly** • The menu — which blends American and Continental cuisine — changes weekly, but the chef is well known for his venison and lamb dishes. Berries are made in-house. The wine list offers around 120 selections from around the world. Hours change seasonally. \$\$\$

The Vermont Inn

69 Route 4, Mendon, 733-0288 • **Cheese** Men., **Tues:** **Meat** Fri., **Sat:** **full bar** • **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly** • This cozy restaurant with a big stone fireplace and table tennis. Dinner dinner for his heated rock of lamb and traditional turkey dinners. Hours vary. Call first. \$\$\$

DINER

Birdseye Diner

590 Main St., Canton, 434-5811 • **Cheese** Men., **Tues:** **Meat** Fri., **Sat:** **full bar** • **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly** • John and Pam Roberts' fully restored 1950s 501 Diner means classic diner fare with more upscale dishes. \$

Brandon Falls Diner

26 Center St., Brandon, 247-4222 • **Cheese** Men., **Tues:** **Meat** Fri., **Sat:** **full bar** • **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly** • Bourgeois, fresh and cottagey are homemade at this rustic diner. You can get the homemade desserts by the slice, or order a whole pie. \$

JR's Eatery

4605 Route 1, Pittsford, 483-2348 • **Cheese** Men., **Tues:** **Meat** Fri., **Sat:** **full bar** • **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly** • This 24-year-old restaurant family diner serves everything from pancakes and French toast to \$10s and chandeliers. Breakfast is available all day, and the pies and muffins are homemade. \$

Mary's Cafe

458 Main St., West Rutland, 438-2422 • **Cheese** Men., **Tues:** **Meat** Fri., **Sat:** **full bar** • **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly** • Look for daily specials at this country dinner chicken and biscuits on Monday, meatloaf on Wednesday. Berry and cream pie every day. \$

Midway Diner

120 S. Main St., Rutland, 775-9900 • **Cheese** Men., **Tues:** **Meat** Fri., **Sat:** **full bar** • **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly** • Open since 1946, this old-fashioned eatery serves classic, seafood and traditional diner fare. \$

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SNACKBAR/CART

Roxie's Snack Bar

175 S. Main St., Rutland, 438-2800 • **Cheese** Men., **Tues:** **Meat** Fri., **Sat:** **full bar** • **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly** • This seasonal outdoor stand has been in the family for over 50 years. The hand-cut French fries are a steady seller, and the homemade apple pie is popular, too. \$

Village Snackbar

399 West St., Rutland, 775-8181 • **Cheese** Men., **Tues:** **Meat** Fri., **Sat:** **full bar** • **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly** • This seasonal outdoor stand has been in the family for over 50 years. The hand-cut French fries are a steady seller, and the homemade apple pie is popular, too. \$

SOUP & SANDWICH

Castleton Pizza Place & Deli

575 Main St., Castleton, 468-2911 • **Cheese** Men., **Tues:** **Meat** Fri., **Sat:** **full bar** • **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly** • The pizza and sandwich offerings are classic, but the dough is made from scratch. Try a meal in the stylish dining room or stop by for a shot of espresso. \$

Constantino's Italian Imports

10 South St., Rutland, 775-8777 • **Cheese** Men., **Tues:** **Meat** Fri., **Sat:** **full bar** • **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly** • which sells pasta, wine, cheese and a variety of deli meats — also offers Italian specialties for lunch and dinner. Get a substantial sandwich, one of many pasta salads, or try the killer chicken parm. \$

Gill's Delicatessen

68 Stage Ave., Rutland, 775-7454 • **Cheese** Men., **Tues:** **Meat** Fri., **Sat:** **full bar** • **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly** • A popular deli offering organic products and other healthy sandwiches on homemade rolls. \$

Sandwich Shoppe

62 Merchant Row, Rutland, 775-2580 • **Cheese** Men., **Tues:** **Meat** Fri., **Sat:** **full bar** • **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly** • There are more than 160 items on the menu here. Try the turkey, Swiss and chili sandwiches. \$

Vermont Bagel Cafe

155 Woodstock Ave., Rutland, 775-3144 • **Cheese** Men., **Tues:** **Meat** Fri., **Sat:** **full bar** • **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly** • This cafe, where it's "more than just a bagel," cooks up homemade bagels, soups, salads and sandwiches. Pies and pastries are also homemade. \$

Vermont Sandwich Company of Brandon

11 Conant Square, Brandon, 247-8422 • **Cheese** Men., **Tues:** **Meat** Fri., **Sat:** **full bar** • **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly** • This local sandwich company comes up with some interesting combos. Try the popular "Pasta," with turkey, stuffing and cranberry sauce. \$

Yellow Submarine & Deli

24 Tert St., Rutland, 743-4830 • **Cheese** Men., **Tues:** **Meat** Fri., **Sat:** **full bar** • **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly** • This local sandwich company comes up with some interesting combos. Try the popular "Pasta," with turkey, stuffing and cranberry sauce. \$

STEAKHOUSE/SEAFOOD

Paynter's Restaurant and the Centre Stage Lounge at Holiday Inn

426 Route 7, Rutland, 775-1211 • **Cheese** Men., **Tues:** **Meat** Fri., **Sat:** **full bar** • **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly** • This local steakhouse and lounge has a great menu. Try the popular "Pasta," with turkey, stuffing and cranberry sauce. \$

The Saltwater Cowboy

209 N. Main St., Rutland, 775-6060 • **Cheese** Men., **Tues:** **Meat** Fri., **Sat:** **full bar** • **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly** • The decor is reminiscent of Maine or the Cape, and fresh seafood is trucked up from Boston daily. Affordable lunch specials include fish 'n' chips and clam chowder. Dinner comes with ribs and chowder. Home cook your own! They sell it, too. \$

Sirloin Saloon

200 S. Main St., Rutland, 775-7800 • **Cheese** Men., **Tues:** **Meat** Fri., **Sat:** **full bar** • **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly** • The Southwestern-themed steakhouse has a great menu. Try the popular "Pasta," with turkey, stuffing and cranberry sauce. \$

South Station at Trolley Square

120 S. Main St., Rutland, 775-1216 • **Cheese** Men., **Tues:** **Meat** Fri., **Sat:** **full bar** • **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly**, **veg-friendly** • This local steakhouse and lounge has a great menu. Try the popular "Pasta," with turkey, stuffing and cranberry sauce. \$

RUTLAND/KILLINGTON

BY AMBERLYN COINT

The Wobbly Barn Steakhouse

2229 Killington Rd., Killington, 422-6171 • Meats: D, L; full bar = good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, seasonal, table service, veg-friendly, dance floor, live music • Open from Halloween to Easter the 44-year-old steakhouse is a Killington tradition. The "hug, salad and bread bar" comes with all entrees, including hand-cut Angus steaks and jumbo ribs. Live entertainment nightly. \$\$\$

TRADITIONAL

Back Home Again

23 Center St., Rutland, 775-8800 • Classic: S, Sun.; Meats: L, D • gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly, w-fi • Set in a rustic wooden building, this health-conscious restaurant is run by the original Twelve Times ownership. Get homemade soups, salads and soups in the dining room; a full menu and coffee bar is in the back. \$\$\$

Back to Vermont Pub

158 Main St., Putney, 287-6064 • Classic: Mon., Sun.; Meats: L, D; full bar = only/cheap only, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly, dance, pool • College students, families and the local non-older crowd choose from a selection of 30 beers on tap, including local microbrews and British ales. Dinner options range from burgers to steak w/ all king ribs. Lunch on Friday and Saturday. \$\$\$

Blanche and Bill's Pancake House

586 Route 4, Bridgewater Corner, 422-3856 • Classic: Tues., Wed.; Meats: Bu., L • kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly • One of 30 specials that combine homemade pancakes, waffles and French toast with eggs, potatoes and breakfast meats. A big seller is the "Anytime Special," which comes with two flapjacks, two omelets and two eggs. \$

Cattail Restaurant

2146 Route 7, Brandon, 242-3300 • Classic: Mon.; Meats: R, L, D; full bar = gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly • This cozy eatery caters to couples, families and novices. Try the barbecue ribs, fish 'n' chips or appetizer Napoleon. Breakfast on weekends too. \$\$\$

Clem & Company

3 Center St., Rutland, 742-3340 • Meats: R, L; beer & wine = good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly, w-fi • This homestyle eatery serves up garlic, oysters, homemade smoked-beef hash and sandwiches. Named "Best Breakfast in Rutland" for the past nine years. \$

Gnat Mill Restaurant & Lounge

600 Summit Road, Killington, 242-3970 • Meats: L, D; full bar = good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, seasonal, table service, veg-friendly, dance floor, live music, pool, w-fi • The menu here is chock-full of random-food fusions: fried onion soup, lobster pot roast and hot turkey over apple risotto and herb dressing. Open 7/7. Try a Gnatstyle smoothie — rum, fruit, juice and coconut cream served in a mason jar. No reservations called in "the best spot in the state, in the country." Call for hours. \$\$\$

The Inside Scoop

22 Park St., Brandon, 242-6600 • Good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, seasonal, table service, veg-friendly, w-fi • This old-fashioned ice cream parlor and soda fountain serves sandwiches, shakes, waffles and floats. It's key critiques and retro candy bars such as Tater Tots, Koko-cake and Cherry Rock. Closed on Sunday in winter. \$

Patricia's Restaurant

58-20 Center St., Brandon, 242-3223 • Meats: Bu., L, D; full bar = good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly • From spaghetti to baked faddish, this restaurant has a varied menu and an outdoor terrace. Quick drinks and toadery abound. Sunday brunch. \$\$\$

Perry's Main Street Eatery

253 Main St., Putney, 287-5586 • Meats: R, L, D • kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly • Owners Walt and Doreen Perry strive to maintain a casual-diner atmosphere showcasing home-cooked food. On Wednesday, there's homemade chicken and biscuits. Saturday nights, visit for the barbecue baby-back ribs. \$\$\$

Red Brick Grill

600 St. Regis St., Putney, 287-2929 • Classic: Mon., Tues.; Meats: R; full bar = no, recommended, table service, veg-friendly, live music • The Brick Roader — off Grafton Rd. & Bell Rd. — turns out dishes featuring local meats, handmade pasta and seasonal greens using its Italian clay oven. \$\$\$

Rutland Restaurant

95-7 Merchants Row, Rutland, 775-7447 • Classic: Sun.; Meats: R, L, D; full bar = cash/check only, good for groups, kid-friendly, table service • This eatery hasn't changed much in 50 years. Owner Svetlana Avdeeva serves "American food with a Mediterranean twist." Try the Greek potato and the pin, pot pie and quiche from Burren's Hollow. \$\$\$

Sugar and Spice

Route 4, Mendon, 773-7832 • Meats: R, L = good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly • Maple syrup is made on the premises at this gift shop and restaurant, styled to look like an old barn. Pumpkin pecan pie 'n' ranking, and waffles with ice cream are served as an entree. \$

Tapaca Restaurant & Tavern

128 Merchants Row, Rutland, 775-5566 • Classic: Mon., Sun.; Meats: L, D; full bar = kid-friendly, outdoor seats, no, recommended, table service, veg-friendly, w-fi • Live music, other games, pub-quits/ trivia, w-fi • Closed, but the weekly live music at this Cambridge-based restaurant. The portable microphone is a topic in a house favorite. Live music, trivia nights and trivia and readings attend the proceedings. \$\$\$

Watershed Tavern & Restaurant

21 Center St., Brandon, 242-0100 • Classic: Tues.; Meats: L, D; full bar = good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly, w-fi, dance, karaoke, live music, other games, w-fi • Dine in (just sit and savor) of the wonderful while dining on comfort food. Favorites include Maryland crab cakes with lime sauce, burrito, soups and salads with homemade dressings. Try the seasonal specials, too. \$; seasonal live music and lots of games. Lunch only on winter weekends. \$

CHINESE

CHINESE

L's Chinese Restaurant

34 Canton Square, Brandon, 242-8818 • Meats: L, D • Get your b-male to go, or eat it right here. The most pork and "happy family" dishes are also popular. \$

Number One

Chinese Restaurant
558 S. Main St., Rutland, 775-8966 • Meats: L, D • The General Tuck is a big hit here. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. \$

Orient Taste Express

Bromfield Run Mall, Rutland, 773-3432 • Meats: Bu., L, D = veg-friendly • The endless specials are a big seller at this mall restaurant. \$

Rutland Buffet

26 Rutland Shopping Plaza, Rutland, 775-4717 • Meats: L, D = all-you-can-eat, table service • All this buffet-style Chinese restaurant, and all you can for \$7.99 at lunch, \$10.99 for dinner. Dishes and seafood dishes are popular. \$

JAPANESE

Tokyo House

186 West St., Rutland, 786-8086 • Meats: L, D; beer & wine = good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly • A variety of Japanese dishes — including sushi and tempura — is available for dine-in or take-out. \$\$\$

PAN-ASIAN

New Shanghai and Tokyo Restaurant

271 N. Main St., Rutland, 786-8268 • Meats: L, D = all-you-can-eat, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly • The owners of this restaurant set from Shanghai, but they also serve sushi. The pork-fried rice and egg roll combination is popular. \$

Sushi Yoshi

1801 Killington Rd., Killington, 422-4243 • Meats: L, D; full bar = delivery, gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, seasonal, table service, veg-friendly • The extensive menu is chock-full of Chinese and Japanese delights. There's lots of sushi, such as the "Pineapple Roll" with yellowtail, spicy mayo, avocado and rice and the "let-it-be" made with eel, shrimp and cucumber. Closed in summer. \$\$\$

PROVINCE

Gourmet Provence

37 Center St., Brandon, 242-3002 • Classic: Tues.; Meats: R, L • kid-friendly, outdoor seats, veg-friendly, w-fi • There are a few tables in this bakery-style store and gift shop — an outgrowth of nearby City Provence. The bread and pastries are homemade daily, as are the sandwiches, soups and salads. Closed on Sunday in winter. \$

THE CLUBHOUSE

BAR

Center Street Saloon

58 Center St., Rutland, 775-8994 • Full bar = cash/check only, dance, karaoke, pool, w-fi • This downtown neighborhood bar is run by the Shen Family. \$

Flier's Tavern

58 Strong Ave., Rutland, 773-2993 • Full bar = cash/check only, dance, karaoke, pool, w-fi • You'll find karaoke and all the good bar games at this local hangout. \$

\$ 500 and under	\$105	\$26-\$32
\$5	\$10 to \$14	\$16 to \$18
\$15	\$19 to \$24	price is no object



Magoo's

52 Strong Arms, Rutland, 773-8626
• **Meals:** Late fall bar • cash/check only, good for groups, outdoor seats, darts, other games, pool, tv • locals unwind at this working men's bar. It's noted for sports, but there's a jukebox, too.

Two Sheas's

34 Wales St., Rutland, 773-6668
• **Full bar •** cash/check only, good for groups, outdoor seats, darts, pool, tv • This downtown neighborhood bar also has a disk.

NIGHTCLUB

Pickle Barrel Nightclub

5745 Killington Rd., Killington, 422-3085 • Full bar • good for groups, table service, all-ages show, dance floor, live music, tv cover • Both four bars and weekend live down, this club has kept Killington racing for over 20 years. Skiers and tourists are the main clientele as weekend shows are sporadic.

Side Lines

2 Center St., Rutland, 773-4320 • **Classified Men, Sam's full bar •** cash/check only, dance floor, darts, live music, pool, tv, sometimes cover • Drop in an weekend to hear a variety of local bands — there's no cover in the winter. An outdoor patio expands the warm weather capacity. When nights are lousy, open mic on Wednesday night.

PUB

CJ Suds South

574 S. Main St., Rutland, 773-3775 • **Meals •** L, R, Late: full bar • good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, dance floor, darts, pool, tv • Bikers are welcome at this local roadside dining stop; drinks and, of course, lots of beer.

Jax Food & Games

5847 Killington Rd., Killington, 422-5334 • **Meals •** L, Late: full bar • good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly, w-6, all-ages shows, dance floor, live music, other games, pool, tv, sometimes cover • The entry table serves as "kid-friendly" with some of the lowest food prices in the area. Kids' meals are only \$5. Parents can enjoy "Stab" chicken and Nevada sandwiches or Joe burgers with breaded fries.

Jilly's Sports Bar

24 Merchants Row, Rutland, 773-4959 • **Meals •** L, R, Late: full bar • table service, dance floor, darts, karaoke, live music, pool, tv, sometimes cover • Local road sports compete with blowouts at this sports

bar that claims to have the cheapest drinks in town. **•** **Meals?** To the "fat lady" — a Philly cheese steak with marinara sauce, chicken fingers, onion rings and French fries mixed in with the meat, topped with mayo and ketchup. **•**

McGrath's Irish Pub at the Inn at the Long Trail

(see pg. 25)
 709 Route 4, Killington, 773-7181 • **Meals •** L, R, full bar • kid-friendly, casual, table service, w-6, darts, live music, tv • Henry Irish and American live music up stairs and takes in a dining room built around a massive hearth. The Guinness store and shepherd's pie are popular. Veggie options, too. In winter, lunch is only served on weekends. Live music Friday and Saturday nights. **•**

Out of Bounds Sports Bar & Night Club

548 State St., Rutland, 773-7770 • **Meals •** L, R, full bar • kid-friendly, table service, darts, live music, pool, tv • This sports bar brags pride in its pricing. Try the ribeye with fries for \$11.95, a traditional burger with fries for \$6.95. **•**

REST/CAFE

Clem's Cafe

501-103 Merchants Row, Rutland, 773-3337 • **Meals •** L, R • kid-friendly • A staff member says coming to Clem's "is like stepping into an upscale New York City coffee house." The buns, fresh-baked muffins, sandwiches and croissants are big draws. Soup, salads and chili are available until 5 p.m. on weekdays. **•**

Gene's Beans

Shannon Run Hall, Rutland, 773-3409 • **Meals •** L, R • table service • Fourth let the milk truck let you. Gene serves over 20 kinds of freshly-made coffee and has even custom blends. His beans are also distributed to lots of local businesses. Pastries come from a local bakery. **•**

Java News

88 Merchants Row, Rutland, 773-5225 • **Classified Sat., Sun.;** **Meals •** L, R • cash/check only, veg-friendly • This grab-and-go coffee shop serves nearly three dozen flavors of coffee — including blends — as well as sandwiches and salads. **•**

REST

Little Harry's

121 West St., Rutland, 747-4448 • **Meals •** D, full bar • good for groups, kid-friendly, res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly • "No coast for the passionate appetizer" is the slogan at this open-handed restaurant in the heart of downtown

Rutland. It has everything from Thai to American cuisine, served in a casual, cozy atmosphere. **•**

RESTAURANT

The Countryman's Pleasures

33 Town Line Rd., Mendon, 802-773-7341 • **Classified Mon., Sun.;** **Meals •** D, full bar • kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly • One by candlelight in an 1824 colonial farmhouse setting. Fine food from Austria and Germany is supplemented by American offerings. Chef-owned and operated. **•**

FRENCH

Cafe Provence

109 13 Center St., Brandon, 802-247-9921 • **Meals •** Br, L, D, full bar • good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly • This upscale French restaurant is run by former NYC chef Robert Berni. Try the seafood stew, served shrimp and mussels served over saffron risotto with garlic and lobster broth. Closed on Monday in winter. **•**

MAN/PIZZA

A Crust Above

215 Woodstock Ave., Rutland, 747-4700 • **Meals •** L, D, beer & wine • delivery, good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly • Let the kids play while you enjoy one of its kinds of gourmet pizza. And Kelly's Hot Fries are certainly our crowd. Shared red potatoes, bacon, broccoli and cheddar. Special dinner entrees on weekends. **•**

Blue Cat Bistro

575 Main St., Eastford, 465-2791 • **Classified Mon., Sat.;** **Meals •** D, beer & wine • good for groups, kid-friendly, res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly, w-6, tv • Their fresh pizza toppings and broccoli risotto are the stars, but always serving casual fare can also make an impressive drink or pork chop with fries. Use dough would approve of the "Star" apron: shiny-right. **•**

Brandon House of Pizza

(Two locations)
 33 Center St., Brandon, 247-8177 • 144 Grove St., Rutland, 747-4666 • **Meals •** L, D • good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly, w-6 • This family-owned restaurant has kept locals waiting for more than 35 years. Try the Greek pizza. **•**

The Garlic

1224 Killington Rd., Killington, 422-5255 • **Meals •** D, full bar • good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, vegan-friendly, w-6 • Linguine with puttanesca sauce — chunks of tomatoes, capers and olives — is a signature dish. The bar draws an over-30 crowd for happy hours and tips. **•**

The Palms Restaurant

16 Strong Arms, Rutland, 773-2347 • **Classified Sun.;** **Meals •** D, full bar • good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, vegan-friendly • The Sabatino family runs this eatery — a Rutland tradition since 1993. Try the Neapolitan Pizza or the nightly gourmet specials. **•**

Poutine House of Pizza

245 Main St., Poughkeepsie, 262-0438 • **Classified Mon., L, R •** good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, veg-friendly • The hot-wings pizza and barbecue chicken pizza are popular at this hot and friendly pizzeria. **•**

Ramunto's Sicilian Pizza

182 Strong Arms, Rutland, 747-8880 • **Meals •** L, D • delivery, kid-friendly • The Sicilian pizzas live up to a lot of garlic-laced pizza, named for its garlic and Prosciutto dough. Pies are hand-rolled right in front of you. Bring plans for the jokers. **•**

Sabby's Pasta House & Sports Lounge

31433 Center St., Rutland, 773-4942 • **Classified Sun.;** **Meals •** L, D, full bar • good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly, w-6 • "People just keep coming back" to this family-owned, sports-themed restaurant, says the manager. The atmosphere is casual and comfortable, and the pizzas and soups are homemade and fresh. **•**

Sal's Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria

148 West St., Rutland, 773-3344 • **Meals •** L, D, beer & wine • delivery, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly • This old-time Italian restaurant has a number of specialties, including shrimp and scallops in a spicy red clam sauce served over linguine. **•**

Three Tomatoes Trattoria

88 Merchants Row, Rutland, 802-747-7347 • **Meals •** D, full bar • good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly • This Tuscan-themed trattoria boasts an open kitchen. The sauce is homemade: the olive oil, cheese and pastas are imported from Italy. **•**

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85 Main Street, Middlebury, 802-600-0002

Middlebury is a college town, but for years — since the drinking age went from 18 to 21 — it's looked for nightlife. Two Brothers Tavern changed that when it opened. In 2008, a strip fight of sorts leads to the "lounge & stage," which features big-screen TVs, a lengthy bar and leather couches. Townies and students alike come in to enjoy the boisterous musical acts, karaoke and trivia night.

But there's food here, too, and it's not the freshman fare you might expect. For one thing, the eatery

is a member of the Vermont Fresh Network, which is code for "serious restaurant." The menu features all kinds of area food producers, including Vermont Butter & Cheese Co., Metz Knoll and Boyden Farms.

Happily, the local items get star treatment. A Boyden top sirloin is grilled to perfection, drizzled with a rosemary and blue cheese sauce and served with a mound of rustic, Cabot cheddar-laced mashed potatoes. "Dorset & Dumplings" features a creamy, garlicky stew dotted with vegetables and chunks of

meat from Metz Knoll. The dish is honey yet flavorful.

The chefs at Two Brothers are big on BYO. The most used in the smoked-pork sandwich gets its Hickory bark right at the restaurant. So does a collard-brook flat, which comes as an appetizer with mounds of local chives, baby spinach, lemon wedges and pieces of warmed, extra-puffy pita.

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228 North St., Bristol, 453-6775
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B+ • **gluten-free options, kid-friendly, veg-friendly** • This restaurant and country-store market offers take-home meals, salads, soups and a wide assortment of pastries. There's also an espresso bar. **\$**

Basin Harbor Club: The Main Dining Room

4960 Basin Harbor Rd., Vergennes, 475-2311 • **Meals:** B, D • **full bar** • **gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, res. recommended, seasonal, table service, veg-friendly, w-f** • **dance floor, live music** • Reservations and coats are required at this seasonal restaurant. Dinner dancing Friday and Saturday in summer. Sunday jazz brunch from mid-June to Labor Day. **\$\$\$\$**

Black Sheep Bistro

263 Main St., Vergennes, 877-9991 • **Meals:** B; **full bar** • **good for groups, outdoor seats, res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly, w-f** • **live music** • Open 24 hours. Diners voted this recently listed "the best place to have dinner outside Chittenden County if you're paying." Enjoy all foods during the patio season. **\$\$\$**

Blueberry Hill Inn

1367 Southwestern Rd., Vergennes, 247-4735 • **Meals:** B; **BYOB** • **res. required, table service, veg-friendly, w-f** • The big room features large and colorful bar-framed mirrors on the walls. This elegant country inn. Chef Tim Doreen changes the four-course menu nightly and can accommodate dietary restrictions. Dinner and drinks start at 6:30; dinner is served at 7 p.m. Closed in April and November. **\$\$\$\$**

The Bobcat Cafe

5 Main St., Bristol, 453-6313 • **Meals:** B; **full bar** • **gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, res. recommended, veg-friendly** • The community-based café draws out contemporary comfort food much of which originates at Vermont Bread. Sign up to join the new beer club. **\$**

Grapevine Grill

2180 Route 7, Middlebury, 382-8848 • **Chefs:** Sam McClellan, D. Res. L.; **beer & wine** • **res. recommended, veg-friendly** • What a lovely meal at home without the hassle! Pick up a lobster roll and beef tenderloin dinner for \$20 at this uber-eclectic take-out. Wine is a specialty too, so you can

bring a bottle of Owen Rose Pinot or Pinot Noir to go to the new year. **\$**
 no dinner Monday **\$**

Mary's Restaurant at the Inn at Baldwin Creek

1688 Route 116, Bristol, 453-4313 • **Chefs:** Sam McClellan, D. Res. L.; **beer & wine** • **gluten-free, kid-friendly, res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly, w-f** • **dance floor, live music, sometimes jazz** • A Vermont Fresh Net founder and long-time advocate of local products, chef-owner Doug Mack operates out of a 200-year-old farmhouse with an extensive kitchen garden. His grill is up in a raised stainless-steel stand on Sunday. **\$\$\$**

The Middlebury Inn

14 Court Square, Middlebury, 382-3801 • **Meals:** B, L, D; **full bar** • **kid-friendly, res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly, w-f** • Experience closer New England cuisine prepared with fresh ingredients. Come for breakfast, lunch, dinner or "afternoon tea." Dressy attire welcome. **\$\$\$**

The Red Mill at Basin Harbor Club

4960 Basin Harbor Rd., Vergennes, 475-2317 • **Meals:** L, D; **full bar** • **gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, seasonal, table service, veg-friendly, dance floor, live music, live music** • A 19th-century sawmill, this historic building now hosts a seasonal full-service restaurant with an eclectic menu — by the grasper or papillon. There's also live entertainment and a dance floor. **\$**

Roland's Place 1796 House

3528 Ethan Allen Highway, New York, 453-6339 • **Chefs:** Sam McClellan, D. Res. L.; **beer & wine** • **gluten-free, kid-friendly, res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly** • Try the potato-crusted chicken at this scenic restaurant that doubles as a bed-and-breakfast. The owner's son says it's a great place to propose. Menu very seasonal. **\$\$\$**

Starry Night Cafe

1273 Route 7, Farmington, 253-7711 • **Chefs:** Sam McClellan, D. Res. L.; **beer & wine** • **gluten-free, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly, live music** • The hand-crafted diner is as distinctive as the dining in this seasonal cafe overlooking a pond. **\$\$\$**

Storm Cafe

1161 St. Albans, Middlebury, 382-3301 • **Meals:** B, D; **beer & wine** • **kid-friendly, outdoor seats, res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly** • Enjoy other

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Creek-side dining at this unique cafe set in a 19th-century mill building. To reserve, call the chef. **\$\$\$**

Swift House Inn

25 Stewart Lane, Middlebury, 382-9929 • **Chefs:** Sam McClellan, D. Res. L.; **beer & wine** • **gluten-free, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly** • The menu at this 200-year-old inn draws from New England to traditional Vermont. **\$\$\$**

Tully & Marie's

1 Bakery Lane, Middlebury, 382-4332 • **Meals:** B, L, D; **full bar** • **gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly** • This three-story, ivy-clad inn and restaurant has a New American menu and a noteworthy wine list. The pad Thai and burgers are best sellers. A gluten-free menu is available. **\$**

Wayburn Inn

457 East Main St., East Middlebury, 382-4005 • **Meals:** B, L, D; **full bar** • **gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly, w-f** • Once the setting for "The Best Restaurant Show," this charming New England inn has a pub and a traditional dining room. Try the steaks or rack of lamb. **\$**

DINER

Kinfolks Kuntry Restaurant

567 Academy Rd., Bristol, 453-4422 • **Chefs:** Sam McClellan, D. Res. L.; **beer & wine** • **gluten-free, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly** • A seasonal diner on the site of this family-friendly establishment with a country atmosphere. The chopped-beef stew is a must; also, out every Saturday. Sunday is open. **\$\$\$**

Rosie's Restaurant

885 Route 3, Middlebury, 382-7052 • **Meals:** B, L, D; **full bar** • **gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly** • Fowling back to the woods for big breakfasts, as well as for pork pot pies, chicken Parmesan and stir-fry. **\$**

Steve's Park Diner

66 Richards Ave., Middlebury, 382-3201 • **Meals:** B, L • **good for groups, kid-friendly, table service** • You can get breakfast all day — and maybe a glimpse of Middlebury winter. Jay Pomeroy — the downtown diner where everybody knows each other. **\$**

SNACKBAR/CART

A&W Drive-In

1567 Route 7, Middlebury, 382-2876 • **Meals:** B, D • **cash/check only, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, seasonal, table service, veg-friendly** • The last car-bug stand in New England is a must-see. Rock-boned floats, Volkswagen, Chevrolet, Ford, and Fiat. Fun and classic foods add to the experience. Closed for the season in October. **\$**

Village Creamery Stand

43 West St., Bristol, 453-6314 • **Meals:** B, D • **cash/check only, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, seasonal, veg-friendly** • You get a mountain view from picnic tables at this summer fair-food joint known for its generous portions of soft-serve ice cream. **\$**

SOUP & SANDWICH

3 Squares Cafe

225 Main St., Vergennes, 877-7772 • **Meals:** B, L • **beer & wine** • **gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, veg-friendly** • This eatery offers a small selection of local products, coffee drinks, a deli and "creative-curry" food. Wednesday is Sandwich Special. Seasonal light-fare dinner menu. **\$**

Middlebury Bagel & Delicatessen

111 Washington St., Middlebury, 382-8855 • **Meals:** B, L • **cash/check only, good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly** • It's the 30-year-old eatery where everything's made from scratch. Try the whole-wheat paninis, a sandwich piled high with local's finest meats or a bagel-egg-sausage cornucopia called the "J.J. Longshore." **\$**

Noonies Deli

117 Maple St., Northtown, Middlebury, 382-8234 • **Meals:** B, D • **delivery, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly** • The Addison Apple inspired it: out for "the best and biggest sandwich in town." The home-made bread is legendary. **\$**

Park Squeeze

161 Main St., Vergennes, 877-9996 • **Chefs:** Sam McClellan, D. Res. L.; **beer & wine** • **gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly** • It was veg dips that this eco-friendly restaurant serving fresh salads, wraps, & 100% organic beef and dairy. Call for hours. A spacious, second-floor loft is available for private events. Sunday brunch. **\$**

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TRADITIONAL

Hungry Bear on Main Street

100 Main St., Vergennes, 877-2331 • **M:** full bar • good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly • Serving American favorites: pizza, steak, pork chops, popcorn chicken and bread-cut fries. Look for Vergennes history all over the walls. No lunch on Monday/Wednesday. **B**

Mister Up's Restaurant

26 Bakery Lane, Middlebury, 888-6724 • **M:** full bar • good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, salad bar, table service, vegan-friendly • Dig into "hamburgers and fries" — a.k.a. homemade chicken wings — or "dirty drink" in the bar or on the porch overlooking Otter Creek. **BB**

Snaps Cafe

24 Main St., Bristol, 463-2525 • **M:** full bar, d, darts, tv • kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly • Breakfast specials served until 2 p.m. daily. Try the popular apple Benedict or homemade corned-beef hash with hint of Vermont maple. **B**

INDIAN

CHINESE

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30 Maple St., Middlebury, 388-2125 • **M:** full bar • delivery, table service, veg-friendly • This is classic Chinese with a smattering of Malaysian specialties. Check out the lunchtime combo. **B**

Wokky's Chinese

17 Main St., Middlebury, 463-4888 • **M:** full bar • cash/check only, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly • The owners recommend the Mongolian beef. **B**

INDIAN

Taste of India

1 Bakery Lane, Middlebury, 388-4666 • **M:** full bar • d, darts, tv • table service, veg-friendly • The only Indian restaurant in town serves Indian food. Meat is cooked to order in a dry oven. Bread is also made fresh. Try the vegetable or nonvegetarian dish — each one comes with an array of dhal and condiments. Buffet on Sunday. **BB**

AMERICAN

Bristol Bakery & Cafe

10 Main St., Bristol, 463-5280 • **M:** full bar, d, darts, tv • good for groups, kid-friendly, vegan-friendly, w-f, all-ages, dog, live music • This community-oriented eatery serves baked goods, homemade soups, sandwiches and salads. Veggie and gluten-free options upon request. Live music every Friday night. **B**

Dinky Donuts

2660 Route 7, Middlebury, 888-5099 • **C:** full bar, d, darts, tv • cash/check only, delivery, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, veg-friendly • The sweet, chewy donuts are a given. But most the success is homemade brew. Build your own omelette sandwich on a French-baked croissant, bread or artisan bun. Sit back, 10 days you a savory croissant and soup. **B**

Good Companion Bakery

276 Ruggles Farm Rd., Vergennes, 877-1385 • **C:** full bar, d, darts, tv • cash/check only, delivery, veg-friendly • "Here, we welcome you at any time. Four dollars gets you a French-style French croissant loaf, constant or per. Thursday pickup is available in Vergennes, Bristol, Charlotte, Newbury, Middlebury and Burlington. **B**

Otter Creek Bakery

14 College St., Middlebury, 388-3371 • **M:** full bar, d, darts, tv • cash/check only, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, vegan-friendly • You can eat or take out everything from hors d'oeuvres, soups and salads to full meals and baked goods. All made on-site. A local favorite. **B**

Vermont Cookie Love

6915 Route 7, N. Ferrisburgh • **C:** full bar, d, darts, tv • cash/check only, kid-friendly, veg-friendly, w-f • Long by for a freshly baked cookie — they're always got seven flavors — or crack on lunchtime pastries and coffee. Tea or hot chocolate. Try the delicious "true love," which combines oatmeal and cranberries, or the decadent chocolate-chip "addicted to love." **B**

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14 Green St., Vergennes, 877-6919 • **C:** full bar, d, darts, tv • cash/check only, dance floor, darts, karaoke, live music, pool, tv • The Drunken Valley's hottest rock 'n' roll band plays by the establishment, but there's never a cover. General Mott West says the clientele ranges from barely legal up to age 75. **B**

★ Two Brothers Lounge & Stage

66 Main St., Middlebury, 888-388-0021 • **C:** full bar, d, darts, tv • cash/check only, dance floor, darts, karaoke, live music, pool, tv • sometimes cover • Enjoy leather couches and a real pool table while dining on casual fare like the tavern staples. There's live entertainment at least three nights per week including local bands such as the Statton Rhythm Boys and Red Hot Juke. **B**

PUB

The Big Moose Pub

20 Seymour St., Middlebury, 888-7146 • **M:** full bar • good for groups, kid-friendly, salad bar, table service, veg-friendly, w-f, darts, tv • Lots of places tout their burgers and selection of beverages — this one has more varieties on draught — but few have built a copper bar, balcony seating and no 800-proof stuffed moose! Nightly pub specials come in under \$12. **B**

Dan's Place

11 Main St., Suite A1, Bristol, 463-2774 • **M:** full bar • cash/check only, delivery, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly, all-ages, shows, live music, pool, tv • Owner Joe Pomeroy says his pub has a "gentle bar atmosphere." The whole family can enjoy fresh meats from Fifi Kelly and Muddy Budd Bros. Nathan and homemade veggie burgers served the next day. **B**

★ Two Brothers Tavern

66 Main St., Middlebury, 888-388-0021 • **M:** full bar, d, darts, tv • cash/check only, delivery, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly, w-f, pub quiz, tv • The food has ratings from white-bread firm to bar food. Don't miss the weekend lunch with 65 "build-your-own-Bready-Mary" sandwiches. **B**

FREE/TEA

Carol's Hungry Mind Cafe

24 Merchants Row, Middlebury, 388-2021 • **M:** full bar • d, darts, tv • cash/check only, delivery, good for groups, kid-friendly, veg-friendly, w-f, live music • There's more to this collection than just varieties: try the muffins, pastries and desserts along with a monthly open-mic. Owner John Melanson recommends the quiche, lasagna and potatoes bake. **B**

LECTIC

51 Main at the Bridge

51 Main St., Middlebury, 888-6726 • **M:** full bar, d, darts, tv • cash/check only, delivery, good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly, w-f • It's owned by Middlebury College, but this cozy lounge is in the farm a converted, student-run Pubco. You'll see it up with chess tournaments and scoring Jeopardy matches while sipping on "small plates" with global flavors. The Moroccan and Ethiopian dishes are popular. **B**

BRITISH

BRITISH/GASTROPUB

Shoreham Inn

511 Ben Rd., Shoreham, 888-987-6881 • **C:** full bar, d, darts, tv • cash/check only, delivery, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly, w-f • This 40-year-old restaurant — as a 200-year-old inn — has the feel of a British pub. The food's better, though. Try the slow-cooked beef and Guinness stew. **BB**

PIZZA/ITALIAN

Cubber's

8 Main St., Bristol, 463-2640 • **M:** full bar, d, darts, tv • delivery, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, veg-friendly • Come in for subs or pizza at this community-central restaurant with outdoor summer seating. **B**

Dorie's

22 Merchants Row, Middlebury, 388-3824 • **M:** full bar, d, darts, tv • cash/check only, delivery, good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly, w-f • Family-owned and operated Dorie's features homemade Italian comfort food as well as steaks and seafood. Breakfast served on weekends. No dinner Sunday. **BB**

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Green Peppers Restaurant

10 Washington St., Middlebury, 388-3164 • Meats: L, B; beer & wine • kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly • This two-decade-old restaurant creates custom-made salads, graters and pastas from scratch, in addition to fresh-baked pizza. \$

Luigi's

142 Main St., Vergennes, 872-6875 • Meats: L, B • delivery, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly • Specialty pizzas and calzones (up to 12) at this family-oriented eatery that has been a local hangout for more than 30 years. \$

Neil & Otto's Pizza

52 Main St., Middlebury, 388-6775 • Closes: Sun.; Meats: B • delivery, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly, wi-fi, live music • The spirit of this kid-friendly eatery is documented with pictures of guests. Try specialties like the "Pine Needle" with herbaceous sauce, pineapple, chicken and garlic. \$

Ramunto's Sicilian Pizza Middlebury

21 MacIntyre Lane, Middlebury, 388-7755 • Meats: L, B • kid-friendly, veg-friendly • A slice one with a wide variety of Sicilian and New York-style pizzas lets down six 'n' match at this just-off-the-highway take-out place. The eight veggie Pinerosi pie showcases slow-roasted eggplant and caramelized onions. \$

Rockydale Pizza

272 Rocky Dale Rd., Brattle, 443-4545 • Closes: Mon.; Meats: L, B; beer & wine • delivery, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly • "At most pizzerias, people leave the crust," says General Manager Joe Paparuto. "But not here." He recommends "the works." Tuesday and Wednesday are dinner only. \$

American Flatbread at the Marble Works

317 Maple St., Middlebury, 388-3800 • Closes: Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Sat.; Meats: B; beer & wine • kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly • Feast on wood-fired flatbreads made with local and organic ingredients on Friday and Saturday nights. \$

Average Order Prices

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MARKET & CAFE

Middlebury Market and Sama's Cafe

54 College St., Middlebury, 388-6408 • Meats: B, L, B • gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, veg-friendly, wi-fi • College students, professionals and construction workers dig the take-out menu, as well as fresh salads, sandwiches and wood-fired pizza. There's also self-serve for cereals. Enjoy the casual atmosphere and the busy fireplace. No dinner Monday. \$

Middlebury Natural Foods Co-op Cafe

1 Washington St., Middlebury, 388-7276 • Meats: B, L, B • good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, salad bar, vegan-friendly • Specializing in local and organic underlines organic, hearty entrees and salad bars. Fair Trade coffee bar and baked goods, too. \$14.95 for "grab & go" options available. \$

Mountain Greens Market

25 Mountain View St., Brattle, 443-6536 • Meats: L, B • gluten-free options, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, vegan-friendly • Look for a healthy selection of antibiotic-free, local meat dishes and baked wagers and vegetable options in the health-food store that also sells local organic produce and natural groceries. \$

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Michael's on the Hill

4182 Waterbury-Stowe Road,
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Only a few Vermont restaurants consistently deliver exquisite food and gracious service. Michael's on the Hill, located on a scenic stretch of Route 100 between Woodbury and Stowe, is one of them. There, in an intimate farmhouse setting, Michael and Laura Klasti sing over the kitchen and dining room, respectively. When it's warm enough, seating extends to an enclosed wrap-around porch with views of the surrounding countryside.

When a chef is as good as home-trained Michael, you have room to take advantage of the multicourse tasting menu. The "Gold" version is reasonably priced and offers perfectly prepared comfort foods. For about \$10 more per person, the "Platinum" edition brings luxe items, such as black truffles and caviar, to the table.

The sun might be setting over the mountains while a server brings out an amuse bouche — literally "amuse the mouth" — to awaken the appetite. One night it's a spoon topped with savory duck confit, apple chutney and a single, crisp, blue-ponzo chip for crunch.

The cocktails are no less creative: Try a martini made with cucumber-scanned Hendrick's gin and garnished with blue-cheese-stuffed olives.

Klasti's crab-cake appetizer captures the essence of the coast yet brings seafood, and complements it with a slightly bitter and/or slow topped with marinated champagne grapes, which explode between the teeth the next course. He follows it up with a tender, butter-poached lobster atop an earthy mushroom risotto.

Dessert is a playful variation on the little-known PB&J: a dense chocolate torte topped with a scoop of peanut butter ice cream, served with Concord grape sauce.

Michael's doesn't "take 'tself too seriously, but food lovers do.



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BARBECUE

The Cider House Barbecue and Pub

255 1515 N. Main St., Waterbury.
☎ 261-8448 • **Class:** **Meat:**
Meat: L, D, full bar • **kid-friendly,**
table service, live music, other
games, pool, to • Sit in old rhubarb
pens or family booths while you
sample Louisiana-style beefed
quiche, Southwestern meats and
other freshwater or unique Southern
specialties. After eating, visit the
game room. Lunch served on Friday
and Saturday only. \$\$\$

Localfolk

Smokehouse

9 Route 17, Waterfield, 496-6623
• **Class:** **Sun:** **Meat:** D, full bar •
gluten-free options, good for
groups, **kid-friendly,** table service,
vegan-friendly, w-f, live music,
other games, pool, to • This is local
food-friendly spot specializes in bar-b-
que-smoked barbecue. You can also
get live music, burgers and other pub-
food fare. After dinner, check out the
pool table and video games in the
rest area. \$\$\$

CONTEMPORARY

1824 House Inn & Restaurant

255 2156 Main St., Waterfield,
☎ 496-7444 • **Class:** **Sun:**
Meat: D, full bar • good for
groups, outdoor seats, res.
recommended, table service,
veg-friendly, w-f • This intimate
eatery offers a 10-course dining
room only takes to cook of lamb and
homemade live music. \$\$\$\$

The Common Man

☎ 5209 German Rd. Rd., Warren,
☎ 561-2808 • **Class:** **Sun:** **Sat:**
Meat: D, full bar • good for groups,
kid-friendly, res. recommended,
table service • Located in a 19th-
century home, this restaurant serves
fresh, made-from-scratch New England
cuisine under a rustic, chandeliers.
In the basement, must food is sourced
from the Mad River Valley. \$\$\$

Easy Street Cafe

6152 Main St., Waterfield, 496-7234
• **Meat:** L, D, full bar • gluten-free
options, **kid-friendly,** outdoor
seats, table service, veg-friendly
• This restaurant serves both comfort
and health with vegetarian spring rolls,
corn and shrimp salad, sock of lamb
and night-fish seafood options. No
dinner on Monday. \$\$\$

Hen of the Wood at the Gnat Mill

255 82 Stone St., Waterbury,
☎ 244-7100 • **Class:** **Sun:** **Meat:**
D, full bar • gluten-free options,
outdoor seats, res. recommended,
table service, veg-friendly • Native
meats and an ever-changing menu
give this restaurant a "fine-dining"
feel, but its rustic mid-century setting is
down-to-earth. Chef-owner Eric
Worshel serves local meats, greens
and cheeses. Extensive boutique
American wine list. \$\$\$\$

The Huntington House

255 29 Huntington Place,
☎ 261-8448 • **Class:** **Sun:** **Meat:**
D, full bar • gluten-free options,
good for groups, **kid-friendly,**
outdoor seats, res. recommended,
table service, veg-friendly, w-f •
At this inn, surrounded between
Killington and Sugarbush, Chef Daniel
Wilbur values "the best of"
everything every part of the animal.
Academy wild-caught fish, local rib
steaks and a diverse selection of
game. The menu offers sweet treats,
honey and beer dishes. For more
about fine food, Sweet provides a
"sustainable atmosphere." \$\$\$\$

Milbrook Inn & Restaurant

255 533 Milbrook Rd., Route 17,
☎ 261-8448 • **Class:** **Sun:** **Meat:**
D, full bar • gluten-free options,
table service, veg-friendly, w-f • This
old-time Vermont inn has been in
business for 10 years. Chef Thom
Garnier provides over the entrance,
right-table dining room with home-
made recipes that incorporate local
ingredients. He serves a menu, slow-
cooked lamb chops. The restaurant
dinner for the spring and on Tuesday in
summer. \$\$\$

Pitcher Inn

255 275 Main St., Warren,
☎ 496-6250 • **Class:** **Sun:** **Meat:**
D, full bar • gluten-free options,
good for groups, **kid-friendly,**
outdoor seats, res. recommended,
table service, veg-friendly, w-f •
This elegant, historic and historic
approved inn is open to the public for
dinner only. The menu changes daily
and a seasonal menu with the
20-page menu list. Pitches from two to
five in a room in a few minutes taking
menu in the wine cellar. \$\$\$\$

Sweetwood Grill and Bar

255 203 Powderhouse Rd., Warren,
☎ 496-4962 • **Class:** **Sun:** **Meat:**
D, full bar • **kid-friendly,**
outdoor seats, res. recommended,
table service, veg-friendly, w-f •
Chef-owner Jeff Lynn serves up lightly
seasoned, keto-style steaks in a
casual atmosphere. \$\$\$

Average Entree Prices

\$	\$10 and under	\$15	\$15-\$22
\$25	\$25 to \$35	\$35 to \$45	\$45 to \$55
\$55	\$55 to \$75	\$75 to \$95	\$95 to \$115

\$115 and over
\$115 and over
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\$115 and over

Tanglewood's Restaurant

255 179 Grafton Rd., Waterbury,
☎ 244-7100 • **Class:** **Sun:** **Meat:**
D, full bar • table service • The menu changes seasonally
in this converted 1940s-style Vermont
home, but the rustic-rustic food
stays in a comfort. \$\$\$

Timbers

Lincoln Peak Village, Warren,
☎ 561-6808 • **Meat:** L, D, full bar •
good for groups, **kid-friendly,**
outdoor seats, res. recommended,
table service, veg-friendly, w-f, to •
Located in a rustic home at the foot
of the ski slope, this Supertech entry
features familiar food made with local
ingredients. Outdoor patio is welcome.
Hours: large selection. \$\$\$

The Village Pub

10 School St., Rochester, 261-8126
• **Class:** **Sun:** **Meat:** D, full bar • good for groups,
outdoor seats, res. recommended,
table service • Located in the downtown
and on the porch view down into the
city restaurant, located in an old
Victorian house. Order from the pub
menu for a full bar, live music and
chakra-lava-lava live music. Or try one of
Chef Luke Stone's ever-
changing weekly specials. \$\$\$

SNACKBAR/CART

Kellen's Creamery & Grill at South Main Sunoco

160 S. Main St., Waterbury, 244-
8700 • **Meat:** L, D • good for
groups, **kid-friendly,** outdoor seats,
veg-friendly • Open year-round —
there are even menus in the winter —
this newly renovated fast-food
joint serves up hot lunch specials,
subs, soup and chili. \$

Village Country Creamery

109 Village Square, Waterfield,
496-6000 • **Meat:** L, D • cash/credit
only, good for groups, **kid-friendly,**
outdoor seats, seasonal, veg-
friendly • House-made cheddar and
honey-glazed, a "new bar" by
Angela and Paul, also available on
weekends through the winter and all
day long to November. \$

SOUP & SANDWICH

Green Cup Cafe & Bakery

255 48 Bridge St., Waterfield,
☎ 496-4881 • **Class:** **Sun:** **Meat:**
D, full bar • gluten-free options, good for
groups, **kid-friendly,** outdoor seats,
table service, veg-friendly, w-f •
The sandwich specials at this 20-seat cafe
are a cut above. Also serving soup, salads,
quiche, coffee drinks and European-style
pastries. Food under Mark Britton called
the owner — served Saturday
and Sunday — "happily." \$



Hogan's Pub

1001 Golf Course Rd., Warren,
561-6723 • **Meat:** L, D, full bar • **kid-**
friendly, outdoor seats, seasonal,
table service • Serving a huge Ameri-
can sandwiches and open-golf fare
to attract. The outdoor deck and bar
enjoy the little hole. \$

Paradise Deli and Market

2367 Sugarbush Access Rd., Warren,
561-2751 • **Meat:** L, D, full bar •
veg-friendly • This casual grocer and
deli specializes in Philly cheese steaks,
made fresh. \$

Park Row Cafe

7 Park Row, Waterbury, 244-5111 •
Class: **Sun:** **Meat:** L, D, delivery,
table service • Famous for its
homemade bread, soup, new-styled
sandwiches and huge portions. No
lunch on Saturday. \$

TRADITIONAL

Arvad's Grill and Pub

3 S. Main St., Waterbury, 244-8873
• **Meat:** L, D, full bar • gluten-free
options, good for groups, **kid-friendly,**
table service, veg-friendly,
w-f • A lively restaurant with a
small-town pub atmosphere specia-
lizing in burgers, steaks, seafood and
pizza. Closes from 108 beers at the
bar. \$\$\$

Big Picture Theater and Cafe

255 48 Carroll Rd., (off Rt. 100),
☎ Waterfield, 496-6000 • **Class:**
Sun: **Meat:** L, D, full bar • **kid-friendly,** table service,
veg-friendly, w-f, all-ages show,
dance floor, live music, sometimes
cover • "Ginger and a novel" takes on
a new meaning when the restaurant
and theater are in the same building.
Roller in the cafe with some happy
and a drink from the bar — or bring them
into the theater with you. Spectra
are like movie drama, playhouse
puppets and guitar playing. There are
dance classes, family game nights and
soul nights, too. \$\$\$

The Grill at the Sugarbush Inn

1840 Sugarbush Access Rd., Warren,
561-6311 • **Class:** **Sun:** **Meat:**
D, full bar • **kid-friendly,**
seasonal, table service • Serving
American cuisine in a comfortable
atmosphere — it's all about the
lamb meat. There's lamb chops on big
legality platters, pasta and seafood
specialties. The New York style and
brisket are favorites. Winter only. \$\$\$

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• AMERICAN COTE

The Hearth at the Sugarbush Inn

3840 Sugarbush Access Rd., Warren,
503-6100 • Meats: B, L • all-
you-can-eat, kid-friendly, seasonal,
table service, veg-friendly, w-1 •
This cozy inn offers a continental
breakfast bar with fresh pastries made
daily. The full menu includes typical
egg dishes, along with French toast
and pancakes, served up first so you
can hit the slopes quicker. ☼

Hyde Away Inn and Restaurant

1428 Middlebrook Rd., Route 17,
Feylton, 495-3322 • Meats: D; full
bar • kid-friendly, outdoor seats,
table service, veg-friendly, w-1,
good, to • This family-friendly Mad
River Valley inn serves American
comfort food. ☼☼

Juniper's Farm

23 Commerce Dr., Waterbury, 495-
5504 • Meats: B, L • kid-friendly,
outdoor seats, table service, veg-
friendly, w-1 • The Church of the
Lambeth fine arts this organic deli
and cafe. Produce comes from the
church's greenhouse — even the tea
is grown there. Try the shepherd's pie
chips — corn salad, roasted pota-
toes and beef sauté in flat bread. ☼

Maxi's Restaurant

47 E. Main St., Waterbury, 244-
0910 • Classics: Many; Meats: B, L;
full bar • kid-friendly, table service
• There's nothing fancy about this
family-friendly eatery — just good,
homestyle food. Generous all-day bre-
ast Wednesday through Sunday. ☼☼

Old Hancock Hotel
3 Route 125 at Route 100, Hancock,
757-4975 • Meats: B, Bro., L, D;
beer & wine • cash/heck only,
gluten-free options, good for
groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats,
table service, vegan-friendly • This
charm hotel is "every tourist's
version of Vermont," says chef-owner
Diane Davidson. She recommends the
housemade venison sausage. ☼

The Spotted Cow

655-4423 Bridge St., Wintfield,
603-495-5151 • Classics: Many;
beer & wine • good for groups, kid-friendly,
outdoor seats, no. recommended,
table service, veg-friendly, • You'll
love the hearty portions at this cozy
and quaint American-style restaurant.
Dinner served on Friday and Saturday.
☼☼

The Wandering Moose Cafe & Grill

at the Best Western
Waterbury-Stowe
45 Fresh Hill Rd., Waterbury, 244-
7822 • Classics: Many; Meats: D; full
bar • gluten-free options, good for
groups, kid-friendly, no. recom-
mended, table service, veg-friendly,
w-1 • Former NFL instructor Gurnea
Alfonso serves traditional American
fare at this restaurant, dined with
beautiful murals of the surrounding
area. Menu changes seasonally.
☼☼

CHINESE

China Fun

5081 Main St., Wintfield, 495-
7839 • Meats: L, D • take-out, veg-
friendly • Eggrolls to go? This small
and informal, take-out restaurant
serves traditional Chinese-American
food to the Mad River Valley. ☼

China Star Chinese Restaurant

76 S. Main St., Waterbury, 244-
1868 • Meats: L, D • table service,
veg-friendly • The spring rolls will
sell, and so does the General Tso's
chicken. "Try to slim down?" Try the
"diet" steamed vegetables. ☼

THAI

Ocha Thai

6 N. Main St., Waterbury, 244-
7642 • Classics: Many; Meats: L, D;
beer & wine • gluten-free options,
good for groups, kid-friendly,
no. recommended, table service,
veg-friendly • Blow-glass lamps
and red velvet curtains create mood for
a dinner of soft-shell crabs in garlic
sauce, finished with black sticky rice
with Thai custard. Lunch specials like
pad thai and pad see ewe run from
\$7 to \$9.25. ☼☼

ITALIAN

The Center Bakery and General Store

1087 South St., Waterbury Center,
244-1900 • Classics: Many; Meats: B,
L • gluten-free options, good for
groups, kid-friendly, veg-friendly •
Located in a general store that offers
a line of all-natural products, this
delicatessen and cozy bakery serves hearty
lunch specials such as ribs and mac 'n'
cheese. The specialty pastries are a big
draw, too. ☼

KC's Bagel Cafe

17-59 State St., Waterbury, 244-
1743 • Meats: B, L • cash/check
only, good for groups, kid-friendly,
veg-friendly • The only bagel place
in the area caters to health-conscious
locals. Most customers opt for classic
New York-style bagel sandwiches with
cream cheese. ☼

Red Hen Bakery & Cafe

655-4518 Route 2, Middlesex,
603-223-5200 • Meats: B, L • good
for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor
seating, veg-friendly, w-1 • Finish
the bakery at work while sipping an
espresso and Danish or sipping for
local cheese and wine. Sandwiches are
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The Alchemist Pub & Brewery

223 S. Main St., Waterbury, 264-4128
= Meats: B; full bar = gluten-free options, table service, veg-friendly, pool = This restaurant combines an old pub feel with modern, local art. Try the house-brewed sausages and award-winning beer. \$ to \$10.

Purple Moon Pub

Route 100, Waterbury, 486-3422
= Classic: Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun.; full bar = table service, all-ages shows, live music, to, sometimes cover = Enjoy great appetizers, burgers and drinks at this casual pub. On Thursday evening the live bar features acoustic, blues and string quartet. Comedy routines, a fireplace and live music are big draws, too. \$

Slide Brook Lodge & Tavern

5180 Sherman Street Rd., Warren, 880-2322 = Classic: Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun.; full bar = good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, veg-friendly, wi-fi, dance floor, live music, to = Decorate from a selection of wine spirits and six beers on tap while sitting at the bar. On the way to the bar from the 1930s. Food includes sandwiches and burgers, both corned and veggie. Hot tubs available for lodge guests only. \$

Waterbury Wings

15 Main St., Waterbury, 244-7827
= Meats: L, B; full bar = delivery, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, wi-fi, live music, pool, to = You can work on wings while overlooking at the watering hole. Plus there are ribs, burgers, who's a quarterback. Also features a pool table and 20 beers on tap. \$

FOOD/BEV

Green Mountain Coffee Visitor Center & Cafe

1 Federal Plaza, Waterbury, 880-2323 = Meats: B, L = good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seating, veg-friendly, wi-fi = There's an

extensive coffee and specialty drink menu at this cafe (located in a refurbished train station). This spring, look for breakfast and lunch treats from Chef Michael Klob of Mocha's on the Hill. Multitasking visitors can enjoy a view station to experience the coffee bean's journey from tree to cup. \$

Three Mountain Cafe

307 Mt. River Street, Waterbury, 486-5470 = Meats: B, L = gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, veg-friendly, wi-fi = The original cafe-restaurant for Green Mountain Coffee doubles as a social hub at the Mt. River Green Shopping Center. Serving light lunch fare. You can buy antiques here, too. \$

RESTAURANT

John Egan's Big World Pub and Grille

Route 17, Waterbury, 486-3233 = Meats: B; full bar = gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly = This restaurant, "where it feels like home no matter where you're from," caters to athletes and fans, but owner Steve Sabella says it's really about the food. The table has an "Egan's" for dinner. Try the chicken neck of lamb, and other specialties cooked in their wood-burning restaurant. \$\$\$

Michael's Good to Go

21 Village Square, Waterbury, 486-3312 = Classic: Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun.; full bar = good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, veg-friendly = Chef Michael Panagiotis, former owner of Michael's at the Postcardhouse, traveled all over the world before he opened this family and Western take-out restaurant. Try the Big Fish Recipe or California-style burgers. The menu is all local. Seasonal hours; call first. \$

WING

Michael's on the Hill (See pg. 47)

4182 Waterbury Street Rd., Waterbury Center, 244-7476 = Classic: Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun.; full bar = kid-friendly, res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly = This elegant, fire-drawing restaurant has elegant meals, Southwestern chef-owner Michael Klob's take the lead here. \$\$\$

FRENCH

Chez Henri Restaurant and Bistro

Sagebush Village, Warren, 880-2600 = Meats: L, B; full bar = gluten-

free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly = This seasonal, authentic French bistro has been a local landmark since 1994. Sit down Supercat for French bistro or even soup on the less expensive list. The dining room offers an upscale menu, including fine wine and caviar. Got riled on the stairs? Wine up near the fireplace. \$\$\$

ITALIAN/PIZZA

American Flatbread - Watfield

44 Lanes Rd., Waterbury, 486-8866 = Classic: Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun.; Meats: B; full bar = kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly, live music = All-organic wood-fired pizzas with a side, sometimes. George Scheff's recipe is naturally enhanced. Emphasis is on organic and locally farmed ingredients. There's always a live, but it's worth the wait. \$

Bongiorno's

675 Milbrook Rd., Route 17, Waterbury, 486-6205 = Classic: Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun.; Meats: B; beer & wine = delivery, good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly = Try the signature pasta pizza or the balsamic pie at this family-friendly Italian restaurant. \$

The Hub Pizzeria and Pub

21 Lower Main St., Johnson, 835-7676 = Classic: Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun.; Meats: L, B; beer & wine = good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly, wi-fi, live music, pool, to = Pet-friendly and with a 20-foot-long outdoor get-goats in the mood at this "urban chic" eclectic pizzeria. Two beers and a drink for \$ keeps the lunch crowd coming. \$

Jay's Restaurant and Pizzeria

Mad River Green, Route 100, Waterbury, 486-8282 = Meats: B, Fri., L, B; full bar = good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly, wi-fi = This family-style Italian restaurant attracts locals and tourists hungry for Italian eatables, drinks and spare ribs. \$

Jimmy's Pizzeria

33 McKel Rd., Waterbury Center, 244-7913 = Classic: Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun.; Meats: L, B; beer & wine = delivery, veg-friendly, wi-fi = Owner Jason Ray serves hand-rolled New York-style pizzas with pasta, tomato, olive oil and olive oil. "We've got every topping in the book," Ray says. Also drinks, soups and hot and cold sandwiches. \$

Perelli's Pizzeria

4752 Main St., Waterbury, 486-8200 = Meats: L, B; beer & wine = kid-

friendly, veg-friendly = This popular pizzeria is the heart of the Mad River dining area, just beyond pepperoni and cheese. Favorites include the "blonde chicken," with grilled chicken, onion ribs and dandelion leaves. \$

Terra Rossa Ristorante

527 Sargent Ave., Warren, 880-7676 = Meats: B; beer & wine = gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, table service = The brick oven serves the meat, and wood-fired gourmet pizza and pasta comes before. The rest of the menu ranges from spaghetti and meatballs to veal their ribs. \$\$\$

Zachary's Pizzeria - Waterbury

2 Butler St., Waterbury, 264-9460 = Meats: L, B; beer & wine = delivery, kid-friendly, table service, wi-fi = This family-owned pizza is kid-entertained, "red dog" pizza topped with hot dogs. Local favorites include the Zachary's special and weekly local roasted grinder and pasta special. \$

BAR/CLUB/CAFE

Spirit Cafe at Sweet Pea Natural Foods

Village Square, Route 100, Waterbury, 486-7383 = Meats: L, B = gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, salad bar, veg-friendly, wi-fi = A seasonally rotating menu of local and organic options gives the salad and hot food bars at this market and cafe. Check out the new flatbread in the "Living Food" section. The wellness bar is open by the shelves. \$

The Warren Store

296 Main St., Warren, 880-486-3864 = Meats: B, Fri., L, B = gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, seasonal, veg-friendly, wi-fi = This country store specializes in a bakery, wine shop and clothing boutique as well as a deli. The sandwiches are creative — try the "Perpetuals" — but can be eaten anywhere and local meats, too. \$

SOUTH-OF-THE-BORDER

Marsala Salas

15 Stone St., Waterbury, 244-1320 = Classic: Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun.; Meats: B; full bar = gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly, live music = This Mexican-Cuban restaurant serves unique and flavorful dishes in a dining room with cross-cultural decor. They're famous for their curry chicken, shrimp shrimp, huge refritos and burritos. \$\$\$

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Located just minutes at Lincoln Park and accessed by cable car, Allyn's serves dinners for small groups select weekends, holidays and full seasons during the winter season. Meals vary by date. Cents may decline back to the base condenser permitting. For more information call Gretchen Brown at 802.351.0819

Sample menus are subject to change. For more information visit sugarbush.com.



That's Life Soup 41 Elm Street, Montpelier, 223-5133

It's not easy to get the recipe right in soup, but sophisticated Montpelier, the capital city, is both crunchy and world-wise, bonny and price-sensitive.

Now Root satisfies all the constituents at That's Life Soup, a cozy café on Elm Street that serves up soothing, steaming bowls to state workers, tourists and tourists — not to mention the hungry lawmakers who take over Montpelier for four-plus months a year.

Root changes the soup selection daily. An Indian midwinter night, she'll share the menu with a Moroccan

connection, only to be replaced the next day with a spicy Greek stew and a refined French bistro.

But, on Fridays, you can always get gho — a street-food staple in Vietnam. The fragrant, flavorful beef broth, replete with noodles and thin strips of meat, comes topped with slices of caramelized shallot. A dash of hot sauce and a lime wedge arrive on the side.

Preferred food? That's Life also has "French Grille" sandwiches and seasonal salads. Variety is encouraged here. That means the fresh lamb chops can be served

up sweet or peckishly tart. Turkey sandwiches are stuffed with cured meats, while others feature succulent shrimp or portobello mushrooms. There's always at least one vegetarian potage, and both vegan and gluten-free items are clearly labeled.

The richly creamy corn chowder is none of the above. Its creamy broth is thick with cheddar, packed with potato hunks and topped with bacon crumbles. When it comes to surviving winter in Vermont, Root's hearty selections are essential, along with warm socks.



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248 N. Main St., Barre, 478-8227
 • Classic Mont., Vt.; Meats: B, D; beer & wine • table service, tv • The windows have bars and the waitresses are ready to "protect and serve" at this grease-themed, downy eatery. Brisket and pulled pork are smothered in light sauce. In the side, fry-baked beans or corn bread, both sweetened with local maple syrup. Where tale it with you? Get a bottle of Ed's Mustardspice Barr-B-Q Sauce on your way out. ☐

River Run Restaurant

58 Main St., Plainfield, 454-1246
 • Classic Mont., Vt.; Meats: B, L, D; full bar • cash/check only, gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, no, recommended, table service, live music • Diner Jerry Kennedy runs this Southern-themed eatery. Favorites for pulled pork, catfish garnish and, for breakfast, smoked chicken omelette and fried options. In winter, dinner is served Wednesday through Saturday. ☐

CONTEMPORARY

Arlo's Restaurant

229 State Rd., Brookfield, 455-2760
 • Classic Mont., Vt.; Meats: B; full bar • no, recommended, seasonal, table service • The owners have been serving "top-quality, healthy food" at this destination restaurant for more than 10 years. Many ingredients come from the local food area. Call for hours. ☐

Black Door Bar & Bistro

44 Main St., Montpelier, 223-7038
 • Classic Mont., Vt.; Meats: B; full bar • table service, veg-friendly, all-ages shows, dance floor, live music, sometimes cover • A second-floor bistro serving New York strip steak, pan-seared tuna and Moby Kool chicken in a New Orleans style, 736 atmosphere (see size and fork on Friday and Saturday nights). ☐

Main Street Grill & Bar

118 Main St., Montpelier, 223-2188
 • Classic Mont., Vt.; Meats: B, L, D; full bar • kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly, all-ages shows, live music, tv • This restaurant, lounge and pub run by the New England Culinary Institute showcases "inspiring American fare in a casual atmosphere." Try the grilled New York steak or the beer-battered fish and chips. ☐

Restaurant Phoebe

62 State St., Montpelier, 262-3500
 • Classic Mont., Vt.; Meats: L, D; full bar • no, recommended, table service • Located just steps from the capital building, Restaurant Phoebe serves "simple, honest food" conceptualized by a thoughtful wine job. Chef Aaron Nelson describes the cuisine, made with fresh, local ingredients, as "New American with Italian roots." Lunch on weekdays. ☐

DINER

Coffee Corner

83 Main St., Montpelier, 223-2940
 • Meats: B, L • delivery, gluten-free options, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly, wi-fi • The kid-friendly diner is owned by Bryan Whiting, a co-founder of the Vermont Dash Network. Try the Eggs O'flavie with homemade sautéed hash. Separate grill used for vegetarian dishes. Named "Best Diner of the Year" in '06 and '07 by The Best Independent Restaurant Association. ☐

Common Caffe

12 Depot Square, Northfield, 455-6011
 • Meats: B, L • good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly • Look for the classics here — eggs, sandwiches, biscuits and gravy — as well as weekend specials such as chicken omelette. Breakfast 7 a.m. on weekdays. ☐

Pe Stop Diner

240 N. Main St., Barre, 478-9404
 • Classic Mont., Vt.; Meats: B, L • kid-friendly, table service, no, veg-friendly • Breakfast-and-white dinner and model cars viewed at this NASCAR-themed diner. Don't miss the omelette, including a crouton-your-own version. There's a TV so you can cheer on your favorite driver while you eat. ☐

SNACKBAR/CART

River's Edge SnackBar

Roads 2, Stacks Restaurant, Manchester, 478-1414
 • Meats: B, L • cash/check only, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, The back deck of this park spot overlooks the Winooski River. Order the fresh-cut fries. ☐

SOUPI & SANDWICH

Bag Ladies Express at Simply Delicious

160 N. Main St., Barre, 478-1498
 • Classic Mont., Vt.; Meats: B, L • cash/check only, delivery, gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, vegan-friendly • Owner Laraine Rotherham designed her dining and Rawlston soups to cook only

Average Entree Prices

\$ \$80 and under \$100 \$100-\$120
 \$15 \$20 to \$18 \$18 to \$25 price by
 \$15 \$10 to \$15 \$15 to \$20 price by

one or two Night. Butcher pants. Any wrap can be made into a "Bag Lady Burger" salad, instead. Ironically, the healthy eatery's location is located inside the Simply Delicious eatery and gourmet food store. ☐

Delicias's

7 S. Main St., Northfield, 455-4700
 • Classic Mont., Vt.; Meats: B, L • kid-friendly, outdoor seats, veg-friendly • Try the salads or specially sandwiches such as "Stone With a Plan." Kelly Decker, the owner's wife, describes the decor as "early-American good style." ☐

La Brioche

88 Main St., Montpelier, 223-0442
 • Meats: B, L • delivery, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, veg-friendly, wi-fi • NECA's European-style cafe has a window looking into the kitchen so you can watch the preparation of pastries, artisan breads and cakes. Try the baguette loafers, which include a sandwich, salad or soup, and a cookie. ☐

Pinky's

14 Main St., Montpelier, 223-0800
 • Classic Mont., Vt.; Meats: B, L • delivery, gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, vegan-friendly • Seventeen specialty sandwiches and pastries from "Sweet Lady Jane" to "The Cowboy" are on the menu at this cozy eat and gift shop. If you can build your own, you can also buy everything from fresh to unusual bread and cereals. ☐

Simply Suba Pizza

30 N. Main St., Barre, 478-2423
 • Meats: B, L • delivery, kid-friendly, veg-friendly, veg-friendly • Go 17 years, this sub shop has served generous portions of pizza, sandwiches and desserts to local workers. Try the house special — a ham, turkey and bacon combo. ☐

That's Life Soup (See pg. 16)

41 Elm St., Montpelier, 223-5323
 • Classic Mont., Vt.; Meats: B, L; beer & wine • cash/check only, delivery, gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly • Chef-owner Pam Rock uses local ingredients to create traditional global flavors in an all-ages, kid-friendly dining room. Sweet treats include carrot cake, raspberry macaroons and chocolate. Showings available for private parties. ☐

Uncle Mike's Deli

8 State St., Montpelier, 223-6788
 • Classic Mont., Vt.; Meats: L • good for groups, kid-friendly, veg-friendly • This lunch spot near the corner of State and Howe streets takes inspiration in wraps, French baguette sandwiches, soups and cookies. Daily specials, too. ☐

STEAKHOUSE/SEAFOOD

J. Morgan's Steakhouse

180 State St., Montpelier, 223-5222
 • Meats: B, L, D; full bar • all-you-can-eat, gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, no, recommended, table service, veg-friendly, tv • This lively eatery, in the Capital Plaza Hotel, offers to meet and greet diners with appetizers and wine. Prime rib, broiled-wrapped fish, oysters and fresh Maine lobster. Exotic past dishes, too. Kids and adults will love the model train. ☐

Sambel's Restaurant & Catering

1 Airport Rd., Barre, 223-6776
 • Classic Mont., Vt.; Meats: B, L; full bar • kid-friendly, table service • This quiet restaurant with nice restaurant views serves diners with a buttersauce bowl of salad and an entree with one side and dessert. "Huge fish" from 400 to 500 pounds with comfort-food specials for either \$1.99 or \$2.99. Lunch on weekdays. ☐

Steakhouse Restaurant

1219 Barre-Montpelier Rd., Barre, 478-0881
 • Meats: B, L; full bar • good for groups, kid-friendly, salad bar, table service, veg-friendly, tv • The same family has served steak and seafood at this eatery restaurant since 1990. Includes a salad bar and a dessert. Cash. Make the reservation here on Friday nights. ☐

TRADITIONAL

George's Place

14 Dan Camp Rd., South Barre, 478-1266
 • Classic Mont., Vt.; Meats: B • cash/check only, good for groups, kid-friendly, table service • Family's zesty eatery. This cafe was "beyond" breakfast and French toast. Open only for breakfast. ☐

Maple Valley Cafe & Gift Shop

Roads 2, Manchester, 454-8826
 • Classic Mont., Vt.; Meats: B, L • seasonal, table service • It's a cafe and gift shop under one roof. People come in for the fun array of cards and presents. Popular foods include homemade bread and baked goods, breakfast sandwiches and fruit-topped pizzas. Smoothies on tap, too. Open from May through December. ☐

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Dinner Mon.; Meals: 8 • **table service, w/fri-6** • This intimate eatery within Barre's Days Inn serves breakfast every day except Mondays. ☼

Soup 'n' Greens

325 N. Main St., Barre, 478-8862 • **Meals:** 8, 12 • **full bar • kid-friendly, salad bar, table service, w/fri-6** • A family-style restaurant with a full menu and salad bar. The children's menu is a specialty. ☼

Suzanna's Restaurant

3470 Airport Rd., Berlin, 223-6344 • **Meals:** 8, 12 • **full bar • good for groups, table service** • This restaurant straddles dinner with comfort-food favorites such as baked haddock and tenderloin tape. There's no lunch on Saturday and breakfast is the only meal served on Sunday. ☼

Wayside Restaurant & Bakery

1873 Route 302, Berlin, 223-6461 • **Meals:** 8, 12 • **full bar • gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, w/fri-6** • Established in 1935, this no-frills eatery and full-service bakery has a menu that reflects its age. It's the place for old-fashioned comfort food. ☼

CHINESE

Bamboo Gardens

575 S. Main St., Barre, 478-9400 • **Dinner Mon.; Meals:** 8 • **take-out, w/fri-6** • No surprises here — just hot-and-quick and other popular Chinese dishes, such as General Tso's chicken, pea porridge and steaming hot or dumplings. ☼

China Star Chinese Restaurant

(Two locations)
 15 Main St., Montpelier, 223-8808 • 75 N. Main St., Northfield, 485-9433 • **Meals:** 8, 12 • **table service** • Get your Chinese chicken to sit down or take out. ☼

China Town Restaurant

306 N. Main St., Barre, 478-5998 • **Meals:** 8, 12 • **kid-friendly** • Delight on Cantonese, Thai or Central American for more than 15 years. Owner John Young jokes, "We know what we're doing." ☼

House of Tang

514 First St., Montpelier, 223-6026 • **Meals:** 8, 12 • **full bar • all-you-can-eat, delivery, kid-friendly, table service, w/fri-6** • You can sample "Diamond Beef Pancakes" and "Seven Stars Around the Moon," or stick with

beef 'n' broccoli. At the buffet, add 18 and order out for half price. ☼

Ming Moon Buffet Chinese Restaurant

5400 Route 302, Barre, 478-8888 • **Meals:** 8, 12 • **full bar • all-you-can-eat** • According to the owners, "Everyone who comes here always comes back." ☼

THAI

Royal Orchid Restaurant

58 Elm St., Montpelier, 223-0436 • **Meals:** 8, 12 • **beer & wine • good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service** • Chef-owner Simon Silberman grew up in Thailand, where his mother taught him how to cook. He lunch on Sunday. ☼

VEGETARIAN

Birchgrove Baking

279 Elm St., Montpelier, 223-0290 • **Meals:** 8, 12 • **gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, w/fri-6** • Owner John Belding promises, "The best coffee at Montpelier" at this eclectic bakery/café. For your return snack with "Monkey Gourd" or a sandwich or a freshly baked croissant, and finish with a slice of PB&J sandwiches or S'mores cake. ☼

Delicate Decadence Pastry Shop and Cafe

55 Cottage St., Suite 5, Barre, 478-7948 • **Dinner Mon.; Meals:** 8 • **gluten-free options, seasonal, w/fri-6** • Pastry chef Michelle Lunde checks the display case at this bakery-café that also has an espresso bar. It's loaded pastries, cakes and confections. Custom-designed wedding cakes are also available. ☼

BAR/CLUBS/LOUNGE

BAR

The Backstretch

30 Summer St., Barre, 478-9732 • **full bar • good for groups, pool, tv** • Owner Chuck Bending describes this as a "bite-order bar." There's a USA Race Game and plenty of popcorn. Watch racing on the big-screen T.V. every Sunday. ☼

Charlie O's

70 Main St., Montpelier, 223-6830 • **full bar • cash/check only, dance floor, darts, karaoke, live music, pool, tv** • This local hangout has live music at least four nights a week — from jazz blues and funk to alternative, rockabilly and hip-hop. Karaoke on Tuesday night. ☼

Danny's Pub

10 Keith Ave., Barre, 478-5664 • **full bar • cash/check only, dance**

Average Drink Prices

\$ 5 \$10 and under \$15 \$20-\$25
 \$5 \$10 to \$15 \$15 to \$20 price is an object
 \$15 \$20 to \$25

floor, dance, karaoke, pool, tv • There's more here than "The oldest bar in town." Thursday is karaoke. A professional DJ takes over on Friday and Saturday nights. ☼

Giusto's

200 Pleasant St., Barre, 478-7909 • **Dinner Sun.; Meals:** 8 • **full bar, karaoke, live music, pool, tv, sometimes cash • Taylor's 82 Karaoke on Thursday, and classic rock bands shake it up Friday and Saturday nights; outdoor ping pong, pool, and barbeque horseshoe; outdoor laser disc; darts; the rest of the week, inside, you'll find multiple T.V.s, a Nintendo Wii and an Xbox.** ☼

Southside Tavern

327 S. Main St., Barre, 478-3637 • **full bar • good for groups, outdoor seats, w/fri-6, dance floor, darts, karaoke, other games, pool, tv** • There are nine T.V.s with sports packages and dancing and DJs every Saturday night. Light snacks are available along with 30 beers on draft. ☼

NIGHTCLUB

Planet Rock

329 N. Main St., Barre, 441-0073 • **Dinner Mon.; Sun.; full bar • cash/check only, good for groups, pool, tv, cover • "Loud" covers are the attraction here at bar/club/party central.** ☼

PUB

McGillicuddy's Irish Pub

34 Langdon St., Montpelier, 223-2723 • **Meals:** 8, 12 • **full bar • delivery, table service, pool, tv** • Pool tables, mini T.V. and a popular beer-soaked burger restaurant this Irish pub is the heart of the Capital City. ☼

Mulligan's

8 Maple Ave., Barre City, 478-5545 • **Meals:** 8, 12 • **late, full bar • good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, w/fri-6, all-you-eat, dance floor, karaoke, live music, other games, pool, quiz/trivia, tv** • This raucous pub serves lunch and dinner. In addition to the 30 T.V.s with sports packages, there's also pool, a jukebox and video games. Live night on Tuesday from 8 to 11 p.m. DJs and live music Friday night. ☼

Rustic Restaurant Motel and Sports Bar

451 Route 12, Northfield Falls, 478-6846 • **Meals:** 8, 12 • **full bar • good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, w/fri-6, other games, pool, tv** • The pub menu in this sports bar is "meat and potatoes," says owner Mark Rock. Try the roast beef sandwiches or the made-to-order potato chips. ☼



Three Penny Taproom

308 Main St., Montpelier, 223-8277 • **Meals:** 8 • **full bar • gluten-free options, w/fri-6, w/fri-6** • This cozy downtown Montpelier bar keeps patrons happy with 35 craft beers on tap and homemade, Spanish-style snacks. The owners make their own pickled eggs and serve only artisan Vermont chowder. Just expect to eat like John Dillards in Vermont. ☼

FREE/TEA

Capital Grounds Cafe

223-1920 • **Meals:** 8, 12 • **w/fri-6** • Rooster of the Capital since 1988. Capital Grounds is located in the heart of Montpelier. In addition to coffee, appetizer and tea, they serve soups, sandwiches, pastries and light fare. Local art hangs on the walls. Their philosophy: "If coffee is a basic need, Capital Grounds is an essential visit." ☼

Espresso Bueno

135 N. Main St., Barre, 478-5886 • **take-out, w/fri-6** • Carefully brewed, single-origin coffees are the star of the green in this locally-owned business. Pastries are baked daily and the menu is a delicious blend of coffee and homemade chocolate goodness. Open at 8 a.m. Monday through Friday 7 a.m. on Saturday and 8 a.m. on Sunday. ☼

Langdon Street Cafe

4 Langdon St., Montpelier, 223-8867 • **Meals:** 8, 12 • **full bar • gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, w/fri-6, all-you-eat, dance floor, live music** • This community coffeehouse is an all-ages gathering spot. Some come for food — hot sandwiches, soup, coffee, beer and hot cider. Others appreciate the live entertainment, which ranges from puppetry to slow party and jazz. Full bar and rock music. ☼

FARM-TO-FOOD

The Farmhouse Cafe & Catering Co.

223-6880 Route 34, East Colville, 478-5990 • **beer & wine • no, casual, table service** • In this quaint farmhouse setting, the global menu of upscale comfort food changes with the seasons, and can be customized for special events. Catering services are available year-round. Booking is by advance reservation only. ☼

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207 Main St., Montpelier, 802-223-8046 • Closed: Mon., Tues. **Meals:** B, Br, L; **Dr:** only; **check** only; **gluten-free options, kid-friendly, table service, vegan-friendly, wi-fi** • Find cuisine with a conscience at Kismet, whose carefully sourced local and sustainable food is on the menu. RTV appears around anything can be made vegetarian and plenty of gluten-free meals and treats are available. Don't miss the organic, fair-trade chocolate. **B**

Rhapsody Cafe

28 Main St., Montpelier, 229-6112 • Closed: Sun.; **Meals: L, B; beer & wine • **gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, salad bar, vegan-friendly, wi-fi** • This vegetarian eatery offers more than 50 hot and cold dishes, including soups, salads, soups and stews, served up buffet-style. Many items are organic and local. **B****

The Skinny Pancake — Montpelier

89 Main St., Montpelier, 262-2252 • **Meals: B, Br, L, D, Late; beer & wine • **gluten-free options, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, vegan-friendly, wi-fi** • At this eatery you can get years with a wink or savvy fling. Try the "foveacake" which combines strawberries and fennel. Also offering salads, soups and an espresso bar. The owners are committed to local and opt for eco-friendly products whenever possible. **B****

Rainbow Sweets

1089 Route 2, Marshfield, 426-9812 • Closed: Sun.; **Meals: B, L, D; beer & wine • **dessert, table service, veg-friendly** • A popular hangout for local artists and poets, this rural cafe promotes handmade, European-style pastries. There's pizza on Friday and Saturday nights. Closed from March through mid-May each year. **B****

MEDITERRANEAN

Ariel's Riverside Cafe and Bar

207-188 River St., Montpelier, 802-229-2289 • Closed: Mon.; **Meals: L, D; full bar • **gluten-free options, table service, veg-friendly** • Enjoy tapas and a cocktail in the comfy lounge or dine in the elegant dining room with a river view. Specializing in Mediterranean cuisine, with a smattering of dishes from Northern Africa, Spain and the Middle East. Vegetarian and seafood options abound. **B****

PIZZA

Angeleno's Pizza

15 Barn St., Montpelier, 229-5721 • **Meals: L, B; beer & wine • **gluten-free options, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly** • Conveniently located across from the Snow Center this small, hot-bark pizzeria is popular among the dinner-and-a-movie crowd. **B****

Depot Square Pizza

40 Depot Square, Northfield, 485-5600 • Closed: Mon.; **Meals: L, B; beer & wine • **good for groups, kid-friendly, veg-friendly, wi-fi** • Why head to the traditional pizzeria? According to owner Andrew Podley they have the world's best, settle in front of the big-screen TV for a game and enjoy chicken-bacon-mush pizza, pasta, subs or salad. **B****

Hilltop Restaurant

241 Quarry Hill Rd., Barn, 478-2129 • Closed: Sun.; **Meals: L, D; full bar • **delivery, gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, salad bar, table service, veg-friendly, wi-fi** • It's the half-century-old Italian pizza house has become a local landmark. How about that chicken-sausage-pasta? Reservations for up to 120 people. **B****

Lucia's Italian Restaurant & Bar

276 N. Main St., Barn, 478-7722 • Closed: Mon.; **Meals: Br, L, D; full bar • **gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly** • Join the northern Italian appetites at Richmond's "home" where Joe and Lucie (both born headed north with "red snow") dress like mommies (dinner, meat lasagna and chicken parmigiana). Sunday brunch. **B****

Master Z's Italian Restaurant

379 N. Main St., Barn, 478-3259 • **Meals: L, B; beer & wine • **kid-friendly, table service** • Traditional affordable Italian-American cuisine featuring family recipes and locally made pasta. The pizzas come in varieties such as "Triple Z" and "Trifolium Station." **B****

Montpelier Village Pizza

89 Main St., Montpelier, 229-6133 • **Meals: L, B; beer & wine • **delivery, good for groups, kid-friendly, veg-friendly, pool, bar** • The "white" pizza was 'em at this family restaurant. The pizza is well made, and there's a good table top. Open, curbside and delivery since 1994. Sunday is dinner only. **B****

Average Drink Prices

\$ 50 and under	\$105	\$26-\$32
\$5	\$13 to \$18	\$16 to \$19
\$15	\$19 to \$25	price by no object

Northfield Village Pizza

275 S. Vine Rd., Northfield, 485-4354 • **Meals: L, B; BYOB • **kid-friendly, table service** • At this drive-in diner, snowmobiles, motorcycles, pickup cars and bikes pull up for pot roast, beer-battered fish, ice cream shakes and sundae. **B****

Positive Pie

60 Main St., Plainfield, 484-6133 • Closed: Mon.; **Meals: L, B • **good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly, wi-fi, sometimes cover** • Fresh ingredients and daily-made dough add vibrancy to the New York-style pizzas served here. Bob Marley tunes and Fair Trade posters impart a mellow atmosphere. **B****

Positive Pie 2

32 Main St., Montpelier, 229-6493 • **Meals: L, D; full bar • **all-you-can-eat, delivery, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly, wi-fi, drive thru, live music, bar, sometimes cover** • This city cousin of the original Plainfield restaurant has an urban lounge feel and live dancing. Serving New York-style hand-tossed pizzas, homemade Serbian pastas, general tsaotse and more. Hours: Friday and Saturday. **B****

Sarducci's

203 N. Main St., Montpelier, 802-225-0229 • **Meals: L, D; full bar • **gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, veg-friendly, table service, veg-friendly** • A rustic-but-wood-burning oven cooks out authentic Italian fare such as pizzas and "pollo al forno." The busy dining room is a popular gathering place. No lunch on Sunday. **B****

Uncle Joe's Pizza & Pasta

135 N. Main St., Barn, 478-9299 • Closed: Sun.; **Meals: L, B • **delivery, good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly, wi-fi** • Everything in this old-fashioned eatery was kicked up from Montpelier's Little Italy including the stone oven. The crust is organic and contains no unusual products. Monday night is all-you-can-eat pizza night, on Sunday, buy one meal and get one for half-price. **B****

MARKET & CAFE

Hunger Mountain Co-op

623 Stone Cutters Way, 802 Montpelier, 223-8300 • **Meals: B, Br, L, D • **outdoor seats, salad bar, veg-friendly** • Sit outside, or enjoy the river view through a 20-foot long window. Check out the veggie-friendly prepared foods, hot bar and salad bar. **B****



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150 N. Main St., Barn, 478-4276 • **Meals: B, L • **all-you-can-eat, good for groups, kid-friendly, veg-friendly, wi-fi, live music** • Everything is fresh, local and seasonal at Ariel Zwart's Vermont-focused cafe and grocery store. Grab 'n' go or relax on a couch with a sandwich, salad or bottomless bowl of soup. All-you-can-eat dinner on Friday and brunch on Sunday. There's a kids play area, too. **B****

The Uncommon Market

1 School St., Montpelier, 229-7051 • **Meals: B, L, D • **A** • **grocery store and deli offering fresh seafood, house-cut steaks and some all-natural and local products**. The sandwiches are made with local breads. Other foods include the turkey reubens, lemons and homemade Swedish goods. **B****

SOUTH OF BORDER

El Sol Mexican Grill

230 N. Main St., Barn, 478-6444 • Closed: Sun.; **Meals: L, D; full bar • **gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly, wi-fi, dance floor, darts, karaoke, live music, other games, pool, bar** • In a new two-story location in downtown Barn, this Mexican restaurant makes everything fresh, with Great House the incubator, and offers dinner, bar, customer favorites, as well as the sangria and margaritas. The grumbler is a local bar. **B****

Julio's Cantina Mexican Cuisines & Margarita Bar

54 State St., Montpelier, 229-8348 • **Meals: L, D, Late; full bar • **kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly, wi-fi, other games, bar** • Located back to the front, freshly-brewed Mexican restaurant for the authentic cuisine and the drink specials. Craft beers the organic margaritas. No lunch on Sunday. **B****

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Tiny Thai

Over the past few years, Asian restaurants have blossomed all over Chittenden County like lotus flowers on a pond. The Queen City recently gained a pan-Asian noodle bar, and another is on the way. When two there was a single outpost of Vietnamese grub in the Greater Burlington area, now there are seven.

There's no better example of the area's far Eastern obsession than the white-space city of Winooski, where five Asian eateries serve a population of 10,000.

While all of them are popular, one, Ting Thai, is almost always packed. At lunchtime, it's not unusual to see a line snaking out the restaurant's glass

to see a line snaking out the restaurant's glass, perhaps a result of the \$2.99, \$4.99 and \$5.99 lunch specials. Downs get a beverage and two choices for just \$7.99.

The sweet and hot ginger root tea is a perfect accompaniment. Follow it up with a bowl of fragrant, hot yam chicken soup or moo ping — grilled, marinated pork on a stick. Grabbing some 11 possible snacks isn't easy, but the "day of the day" and the spring and sea noodle, also known as "buddha noodles," are highly recommended.

The à la carte dinner menu is more extensive

but not expensive — just. The restaurant is \$10.99, so there's no booze on the bill. One all of Ting Thai's dishes, the god pork shrimp combines brightly colored, crisp-looking vegetables and is pulled at right, complex sauce. The gentle massaman curry with potatoes and roasted peanuts amounts to Thai comfort food. "Roo's ribs" is a flavorful, meat-free choice.

There's only one problem with Winooski's favorite: Getting a parking place and a table. Luckily, there's a second Ting Thai, in the Essex Shopping & Cruise complex, just a short drive away.

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The Belated Cow

4 Park St., Essex Jct., 878-3109 • **C**lazzini **M**ozai: B, I, O; full bar • **g**ood for groups, **k**id-friendly, **r**ecommended, **t**able service, **v**eg-friendly • Co-owner Gertie Beldoni was an Olympic boxer and her partner John Delgado is an award-winning chef. Together, they've transformed a former coffee shop at the Lincoln Inn into an upscale eatery with a local focus. **A++** **\$\$\$**

Bistro Souce

877 S. Main St., Shelburne, 888-880-2023 • **M**ozai: B, I, O; full bar • **k**id-friendly, outdoor seats, **t**able service, **v**eg-friendly • This bistro, which features seasonal outdoor dining, is both romantic and family-friendly. The menu changes regularly with creative takes on farm-fresh products. Have a show-carve meat or go to a steak at the bar. **\$\$\$**

Butler's at The Essex

170 Essex Way, Essex Junction, 888-264-3423 • **M**ozai: B, I, O; full bar • **g**ood for groups, **k**id-friendly, **r**ecommended, **t**able service, **v**eg-friendly, **w**-I • Students master classic and contemporary culinary techniques at this restaurant run by the New England Culinary Institute. The menu changes daily to show local ingredients. Check out the award-winning wine bar. **\$\$\$**

Clover House Restaurant

42 Church Rd., Colchester, 860-3433 • **M**ozai: B, I, O; full bar • **g**ood for groups, **k**id-friendly, **t**able service, **v**eg-friendly, **w**-I • Fine dining comes to this pub on HFCI Lane. Chef Eric Sanford results in a list on the ethically influenced New American menu. These weeks, steamed, slow-chicken to celebrate Mother's Day. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Brunch Sunday. **\$\$\$**

G's Restaurant

Shelburne Hotel, South Burlington, 888-4442 • **M**ozai: B, I, O; full bar • **a**lcohol cannot, **g**ood for groups, **k**id-friendly, **t**able service, **v**eg-friendly, **w**-I • Vermont's only Certified Chef Chef works his magic

on the Shelburne Hotel's pane-filled street. To the brass tacks drop by weekly for the 500 Sunday brunch buffet. Featuring sustainable and locally sourced, cured meats and a large selection of desserts. **\$\$\$**

The Inn at Shelburne Farms

5513 Harbor Rd., Shelburne, 888-888-8008 • **M**ozai: B, I, O; full bar • **k**id-friendly, outdoor seats, **r**ecommended, **s**easonal, **t**able service, **v**eg-friendly, **w**-I • The fine-dining menu changes seasonally at this top-rated restaurant. One of Vermont's top fine-dining restaurants in 2011, The house-cured charcuterie, hand-kneaded pasta and rump-steak "market garden" salad are must-haves. Open from May 3 until October 15. **\$\$\$\$\$**

Jack's on the Green at the Vermont National Country Club

1227 Barret St., South Burlington, 264-9435 • **C**lazzini **M**ozai: B, I, O; full bar • **d**elivery, **g**ood for groups, **k**id-friendly, outdoor seats, **r**ecommended, **s**easonal, **t**able service, **v**eg-friendly, **w**-I • You don't need to play golf to enjoy Jack's: brunch or dinner in the elegant dining room or on the deck. At lunch choose from the "barger menu." At dinner, feast on upscale comfort food. Seats with collars are required. **\$\$\$**

The Kitchen Table Bistro

5542 West Main St., Richmond, 854-8484 • **C**lazzini **M**ozai: B, I, O; full bar • **g**luten-free options, **g**ood for groups, **k**id-friendly, **r**ecommended, **t**able service, **v**eg-friendly, **w**-I • Chef-cookers Steve and Lisa Atkins serve house-canned and bi-state favorites in a historic, 1796 brick house. Try the decadent, slow-braise-cornish duck, including homemade fat center. The seasonal menu changes frequently. Open on select Sundays. **\$\$\$**

Pauline's Cafe

1014 Shelburne Rd., South Burlington, 882-1081 • **M**ozai: B, I, O; full bar • **g**luten-free options, **g**ood for groups, outdoor seats, **r**ecommended, **t**able service, **v**eg-friendly • A local landmark, this cafe-restaurant attracts customers with Maine crab cakes, racks of lamb, Vermont sweets and local foods in season. Sunday brunch. **\$\$\$**

Sonoma Station

89 Bridge St., Richmond, 854-8484 • **C**lazzini **M**ozai: B, I, O; full bar • **g**luten-free options, **g**ood for groups, **k**id-friendly, outdoor seats, **r**ecommended, **t**able service, **v**eg-friendly • Formerly of Logan's, chef-owner Nancy Lantry cooks New American

Average Drink Prices

\$	\$10 and under	\$15	\$16-\$22
\$3	\$3.50 to \$10	\$16.50	price by no subject
\$15	\$10 to \$15		

came at the unique eatery in the historic Blue Seal Foods building. Try the only red-wine-and-raspberries with chocolate wineglasses. **\$\$\$**

The Tavern at The Essex

20 Essex Way, Essex Junction, 264-3488 • **M**ozai: B, I, O; full bar • **g**luten-free options, **g**ood for groups, **k**id-friendly, outdoor seats, **t**able service, **v**eg-friendly, **w**-I • This casual, local favorite at The Essex boasts outstanding comfort food in a warm environment. Offerings include classics such as herb-roasted chicken, vegetable pot pie and butternut squash soup. Reasonably priced nightly specials. **\$\$\$**

Two Friends Bistro & Lounge

1210 Whitman Rd., South Burlington, 888-4810 • **C**lazzini **M**ozai: B, I, O; full bar • **g**ood for groups, **k**id-friendly, **t**able service, **v**eg-friendly, **w**-I • dance floor, live music, outdoor games, to • Want some grub? Start out with chicken fingers or shrimp cocktail. Then choose a chicken gyro salad or a burger. Dancing with a DJ Friday and Saturday. **\$\$\$**

DINER

AJ's Kitchen

35 Main St., Essex Junction, 268-2182 • **M**ozai: B, I, O • **g**ood for groups, **k**id-friendly, outdoor seats, **t**able service, **v**eg-friendly • Burgers we big at this friendly local diner. Try the AJ's Burger, with two kinds of cheese, bacon, lettuce, tomato, onion and mayo. Breakfast served Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. **\$\$\$**

Arcadia Diner

3596 Whitman Rd., South Burlington, 882-9680 • **M**ozai: B, I, O; full bar • **k**id-friendly, **t**able service • Open since 1967, this vintage diner has a streamlined retro interior and a menu that fuses American and Greek cuisine. Think spaghetti, gyro, rice pudding and veggie-meat. Breakfast served all day long. Open for dinner in the summer. **\$\$\$**

Libby's Diner

45 High Point Center, Colchester, 888-2343 • **M**ozai: B, I, O; full bar • **g**luten-free options, **g**ood for groups, **k**id-friendly, **t**able service, **v**eg-friendly • This family diner has a vintage theme and freshly baked chocolate-chocolate pie. It's a great source of New England comfort food. **\$\$\$**

The Milton Diner

514 Route 7, Milton, 889-1743 • **M**ozai: B, I, O; beer & wine • **g**ood for groups, **k**id-friendly, outdoor seats, **t**able service, **v**eg-friendly • This out-of-the-way diner serves breakfast all day long. Try the fried haddock, baked

scallops and weekend specials. There's also a chicken salad. **\$\$\$**

Sneakers Bistro

136 Main St., Windsor, 888-555-5081 • **M**ozai: B, I, O; beer & wine • **t**able service, **v**eg-friendly • Locals have frequented this Art-Deco cafe for more than 25 years. Serving breakfast, brunch and lunch. Try the daily specials. **\$\$\$**

SNACKBAR/CART

Jon's Snack Bar

45 Route 15, Jericho, 888-3834 • **M**ozai: B, I, O • cash/stock only, **k**id-friendly, **s**easonal • Open since 1970, this locally owned fast-food snack stop is popular among local bikers and passersby. Smooth-cut fries and loaded-to-order burgers available in summer. Dinnertime, too. **\$\$\$**

SOUP & SANDWICH

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Bagel Market

85 South Union St., Essex Junction, 872-2616 • **M**ozai: B, I • **k**id-friendly, **v**eg-friendly • The home-cooked coffee goes with any of 25 bagel varieties. For lunch, try one of the grilled sandwiches or wraps. Find with one of their sweet treats. They offer muffins, brownies, cookies and bread. **\$\$\$**

Bagels Plus

38 Tarkenton Shopping Center, Winooski, 878-1121 • **M**ozai: B, I • **k**id-friendly, **v**eg-friendly • Love the bagels, bread, cookies and muffins are made fresh daily. Come at 4 p.m. to grab a breakfast sandwich and coffee to go, or relax in the cheerful dining room. Specialty bagels include maple wheat and a coffee-flavored one made with Fruity Pebbles. **\$\$\$**

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90 Center Rd., Essex Junction, 879-6989 • **Meat:** L, D • **table service** • Even the salad dressing is homemade at this state-front take-out. Three-course Japanese hibachi seafood — featuring shrimp, chicken and pork — may nap between \$4.95 and \$7.25. Comes here means space with the usual Chinese choices. **B**

Hong Kong Kitchen

1903 Williston Rd., South Burlington, 862-4622 • **Meat:** L, D • **take-out** • The workers drive by to "love the Best General Tea in town." Sincerely its owner only. **B**

Joyce's Noodle House

5 Carmichael St., Essex, 258-9528 • **Meat:** L, D, full bar • **table service** • This Chinese restaurant, with contemporary Asian decor, prides itself on healthy dishes that can be fixed back to the Sheng Dynasty. Try the mustard greens with steamed tofu. The noodle dishes are very popular. **B**

Kwan's Chinese Restaurant

40 Pelham Rd., South Burlington, 862-0475 • **Meat:** L, D • **delivery, table service** • Serving all the Chinese classics, from vegetarian korean beef to a Gong Poo pork. **B**

Lee's Chinese Restaurant

360 Barret St., South Burlington, 862-1228 • **Meat:** D, L, D • **delivery, table service** • College meal orders are accepted at this small Asian eatery. Try the Hangchow beef and the shrimp with ginger and zucchini. **B**

Lucky Wok Chinese Restaurant

112 Route 7, Whitehall Place, Williston, 869-0078 • **Meat:** L, D • **take-out** • This small restaurant is known for its speedy service — and all the Chinese classics. **B**

Men at Work

3 Traft Center Shopping Center, Williston, 879-2916 • **Meat:** L, D • **table service** • An open kitchen lets you watch chefs assemble your crab rangoon or chicken teriyaki. **B**

Ming's Restaurant Colchester

85 Heinkel Ave., Colchester, 860-2828 • **Meat:** L, D • **take-out, veg-friendly** • Purchase discount phone cards at Ave or Zedek's signs along with your beef and broccoli. **B**

Orchid Chinese Cuisine

5 Market St., South Burlington, 860-1824 • **Meat:** L, D, full bar • **all-you-can-eat, delivery, good for groups, table service, veg-friendly** • A 100-item buffet has been attracting customers for more than 20 years. Open 365 days a year. **B**

Oriental Wok

21 Center Way, Essex, 878-6686 • **Meat:** L, D • **take-out** • Come in for the frequent lunch chicken before a night at the Essex Outlet Center. Japanese are served with pork-fried rice. **B**

Peking Duck House

79 West Canal St., Williston, 869-7475 • **Meat:** L, D, full bar • **table service, veg-friendly** • This two-story eatery offers take-out as well as formal dining and a cocktail lounge. The chef recommends the scurrying trout over beef. **B**

Silver Palace

1215 Williston Rd., South Burlington, 864-0125 • **Meat:** L, D • **full bar** • **delivery, gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly** • Chinese food with an American twist is served from banquet halls to your plate. Try the orange beef or crispy pork. No lunch on Sunday. **B**

Zen Gardens

7 Fayette Rd., South Burlington, 862-8885 • **Meat:** L, D • **full bar** • **delivery, gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly** • Authentic Szechuan, Cantonese and Taiwanese dishes are served at this Chinese restaurant on Shelburne Road. There's also a private room that's perfect for corporate meetings. Due late on Sunday. **B**

JAPANESE

Koto Restaurant

792 Shelburne Rd., South Burlington, 860-8976 • **Meat:** L, D • **full bar** • **good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly** • At this Japanese steakhouse, the chef put on a fabulous show if you opt for the hibachi. Also offering a full assortment of sushi and sashimi. **B**

Sakura Sushi & Kitchen

19 Traft Center Shopping Center, Williston, 258-8052 • **Closest Sun:** **Meat:** L, D • **beer & wine** • **take-out** • Set down for lunch or dinner, or take out packaged bento boxes, sushi and assorted Asian specialties. **B**

PAN-ASIAN

Asian Bistro (Two locations)

121 Center Way, Williston, 878-8838 • 25 Woodstock Falls Way, Williston, 869-9933 • **Meat:** L, D, full bar • **gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly** • Chef prepares dishes from Laos, Thailand, Malaysia and Japan. Try the curried chicken — deep-fried whole meat with hot peppers and house sauce. No lunch on weekends. In Williston, bar to 1000 hours, there is lunch on Saturday. **B**

Average Drink Prices

\$ 5.00 and under \$5.00 \$10-\$12
\$5.00 to \$10 \$10.00 plus tax no subject
\$15 \$10 to \$15

Asian Cuisine

118 Pearl St., Essex, 258-9996 • **Meat:** L, D • **kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly** • This and Vietnamese dishes make up the bulk of the menu, but there are Korean specialties, too. Try the "Sensu" beef burger, served with cucumber salad and kimchi, or shrimp pizza. Sip an in-house smoothie while you eat. **B**

Nano Asian Cuisine

202 Commons Dr., Williston, 878-8858 • **Meat:** L, D • **table service, veg-friendly** • Try the "Hot Stone Island" — a variety of vegetables, egg and seasoned beef over rice, with spicy sauce on the side. No lunch on Sunday. **B**

THAI

Drunkon Noodle House

3 Park St., Essex Junction, 258-9498 • **Meat:** L, D • **beer & wine** • **delivery, gluten-free options, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly** • They focus on noodle at this Thai eatery right near Lucy Liu Center. There's pad Thai and beer and lots of seafood dishes. What's easy? They've got that, too. **B**

Food 88

28 Main St., Williston, 864-8888 • **Meat:** L, D • **beer & wine** • **delivery, table service** • Golden rules attract college students and families to this casual Thai and Japanese cafe. Pad Thai and curry bowls starting at \$5.95. Neko sashimi and bento don also make the cut. **B**

Tiny Thai

Restaurant (see pg. 61)
21 Essex Way #210, Essex, 878-2788 • 24 Main St., Williston, 869-4888 • **Meat:** L, D • **BYOB** • **table service, veg-friendly, w-B** • Popular dishes include pan-fried beef, beef like, ginger chicken and kung-pao chicken with loads of fresh herb. The owners say their noodle bowls are "perfect for a cold night or summer." Thank god that's not spicy "drunken noodle." The Williston location is closed Sunday. **B**

VIETNAMESE

Pho Dang

Vietnamese Cafe
215 Main St., Williston, 869-8707 • **Meat:** D, L, D • **BYOB** • **delivery, gluten-free options, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly** • Start up Vietnamese soup — and other noodle and rice dishes — just south from downtown Williston. Try the chicken pho bun, which comes with a plate of flavorful sauces, and the hot "sweet coffee" made with condensed milk. **B**



Vietnam Restaurant

137 Pearl St., Essex Junction, 862-9998 • **Closest Sun:** **Meat:** L, D • **take-out, veg-friendly** • This cozy cafe has a welcome drink from the Route 15 shop with this floor: salt flowers and dillies. Specialty milkshakes incorporate vanilla, dulse, jackfruit, coconut or pineapple. **B**

PIZZAS

Backdoor Bakery

325 Bridge St., Warrington, 434-9422 • **Closest Sun:** **Meat:** L, D • **take-out, veg-friendly** • Fire-engine Dean Mele makes pizzas to enjoy parties or his over-the-top pizzas. Crispettes, pineapple turnovers and scones are all home-crafted with local and organic ingredients. **B**

Klinger's Bread Company

10 Ferrell St., South Burlington, 860-6322 • **Meat:** L, D • **beer & wine** • **delivery, kid-friendly** • At this sweet, no-bakery cafe, you can grab coffee and a croissant, or order soups, salads and sandwiches for lunch. **B**

Koval's Coffee

22 Commons Dr., Ferrisburg, 442-5392 • **Meat:** L, D • **good for groups, kid-friendly, veg-friendly, w-B** • "We try to do the whole staff right," comments Gary Koval says of his restaurant's custom-made sandwiches on homemade bread. Soups are home-made, too. **B**

Quality Bake Shop

81 Pearl St., Essex Junction, 878-3798 • **Meat:** L, D • **cash/check only** • This cash-counter diner and full-service bakery is famous for burgers, sandwiches and inexpensive baked goods. Cookies start at 99 cents. **B**

The Village Cup

32 Route 15, Jericho, 869-1730 • **Meat:** L, D • **good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly, w-B** • This rustic cafe is located in a renovated barn. For the prices with a head of homemade soup, or try a freshly baked pizza and a cup of coffee. Occasional appetizer nights. **B**

West Meadow Farm Bakery

14 Park St., Essex Junction, 878-1846 • **Closest Sun:** **Meat:** L, D • **take-out, veg-friendly** • Offer suffers serving by far gluten-free goodies including almond-coconut breads, maple-walnut scones and olive breads. Got a Monday? Call for a decorated cake. **B**

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FRENCH

Cafe Shelburne

5517 Shelburne Rd., Shelburne, 885-3339 • **Closed Mon., Sat.** • **Meat, D, full bar** • **res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly** • This special-cuisine restaurant, located across from the Shelburne Museum, serves gourmet French fare. **\$\$\$**

MEDITERRANEAN

Tosceno Cafe Bistro

27 Maple St., Richmond, 424-2148 • **Closed Mon.; Meat, D, full bar** • **gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seating, res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly** • Romantic dining in a cozy atmosphere — in the heart of Richmond. Try the buttered squash risotto, grow-into-aged shrimp or the risotto, onion and potato-crusted salmon. **Closed-owned-and-operated since 2003. \$\$\$**

ITALIAN/PIZZA

Bailey's Restaurant at Bolton Valley

4302 Bolton Valley Access Rd., Bolton, 434-4421 • **Closed Mon., Tues., Wed., Sat.; Meat, D, full bar** • **good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seating, seasonal, table service, veg-friendly, w-F** • This intimate Italian eatery offers a view of beautiful mountains over Bolton Valley as well as casual comfort food. **\$**

Buono Appetito

3182 Shelburne Rd., Shelburne, 885-2232 • **Meat, D, full bar** • **kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly** • A family-oriented restaurant with loyal customers and a warm Italian atmosphere. Not in the mood for pizza? Try a homemade pasta. **\$**

Cucina Antica

44 Shelburne Shopping Plaza, Shelburne, 885-3317 • **Closed: Mon., Meats, D, beer & wine** • **kid-friendly, res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly, other guests, w-F** • Families and couples come to this Mediterranean-inspired bistro for coffee, pizza, pasta and sandwiches. Try the homemade soups, shrimp scampi and lobster risotto. Dinner specials every night. **\$\$**

Donny's NY Pizza

22 Main St., Willamette, 655-7830 • **Meat, D, full bar** • **delivery, kid-friendly, outdoor seating, table service** • Menu items from the Big Apple accents the walls while customers enjoy in the famous chicken-potato pizza pie. **\$**

Fireside Flatbread at Bolton Valley Resort

Above the Base Lodge at Bolton Valley Resort, Bolton, 434-6420 • **Closed: Mon., Tues.; Meat, D, beer & wine** • **good for groups, kid-friendly, seasonal, table service, vegan-friendly, w-F** • The Fireside's "come out quick" at Bolton Valley's pizza joint, tourists and locals alike come by for the pasta pie and the Switchback on top. **Closed April through December. \$**

Foodies's Pizza

21 Essex Way, Essex, 878-2834 • **Meat, D, beer & wine** • **kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly** • With 16 different kinds of pizza and 56 toppings, this eatery is all about choice. You can also get a sandwich made on homemade pizza dough bread. **\$**

Hoggin's Pizzas & Pasta

152 Center St., Essex, 653-4834 • **Meat, D, beer & wine** • **good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly** • Fresh homemade Italian-inspired food runs from pizzas, subs and pasta to pizza with 56 toppings. **\$**

Junior's Italian

85 S. Park Dr., Colchester, 655-5555 • **Meat, D, full bar** • **delivery, good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly, w-F, w** • Trappists like to try all-purport eatery with a pizza parlor. kid-friendly restaurant and a homey feeling. "Don't wait," parties include delicious and pasticcini, which are hard to find outside the big city. **\$**

La Villa Mediterranean Bistro & Pizzeria

3362 Shelburne Rd., Shelburne, 885-2594 • **Meat, D, full bar** • **gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly, w-F** • This Mediterranean bistro serves everything from made-to-order pasta dishes to free-range poultry and organic local honey. It's known for friendly service and the wine list. **too. \$\$\$**

Leonardo's Pizza

1140 Williston Rd., South Burlington, 951-9900 • **Meat, D, full bar** • **delivery, veg-friendly** • Burlington's award-winning pizzas are now serving the suburbs. Try the "Gourmet Saporosa." Take-out and delivery only. **\$**

Loretta's Fine Italian Cuisine

44 Park St., Essex Junction, 879-7777 • **Closed Mon., Tues.; Meat, D, full bar** • **gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seating, res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly** • Co-owner Todd Post designed the Italian restaurant "Essex Junction's only fine dining." Try the

Average Drink Prices

\$12 and under	\$155	\$21-\$24
\$13 to \$16	\$165	price is no object
\$17 to \$20		

chicken Caesar, wild scallops, pasta and fresh seafood. Everything is fresh and made to order. **\$\$\$**

Mama Mia's Pizzeria

570 Shelburne Rd., South Burlington, 864-6427 • **Meat, D, beer & wine** • **delivery, good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly** • Mama Mia's serves specialty pizzas and a large variety of Italian dishes, such as baked pastas and casseroles. Desserts include cannoli, spumoni and triple-chocolate truffle cakes. **\$**

Marco's Pizza

1331 Williston Rd., South Burlington, 864-6481 • **Meat, D, beer & wine** • **delivery** • Hand-rolled pizza and homemade ciabatta bread are specialties at this quaint pizza parlor. At lunch or dinner, get two pizzas and a fountain soda with free refills for \$4.75. Try the cheese pie. **\$**

Marco's Pizza & Grill

4856 Shelburne Rd., Shelburne, 885-5935 • **Meat, D, beer & wine** • **delivery, kid-friendly** • Comfort foods and sandwiches on homemade bread draw in the customers. There are 14 different kinds of pizza, plus calzones and pasta specials. **\$**

Mimmo's Pizzeria

4 Cornhill St., Essex, 288-0444 • **Meat, D, beer & wine** • **good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seating, table service, veg-friendly** • Mimmo's promotes fresh Italian food served by enthusiastic waitstaff. "Our guests are family," says owner Dominic Spanio. Try the pizza and pasta dishes in the special Italian chicken salad. **\$**

Mountain Peak Pizza

240 Route 15, Jericho, 899-3718 • **Meat, D, beer & wine** • **kid-friendly, outdoor seating, veg-friendly** • What do Mount Olympus, Mount Loos and the Swiss Alps have in common? They're all specialty pizza at this local pizzeria. **\$**

New York Pizza Oven

194 Mt. Lebanon Dr., Colchester, 885-0825 • **Meat, D, beer & wine** • **delivery** • Put the "pizza gods to rest" with the chicken Parmesan pie at this New York-themed pizzeria. Local high school sports memorabilia adds to the ambience. **\$**

Papa Frank's

11 West Center St., Willamette, 655-2421 • **Meat, D, beer & wine** • **good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly** • This lively, homey restaurant features photos of the owner's Italian grandparents. The calzones are crowd-pleasers. **\$**

Papa Nick's Family Restaurant

10977 Route 115, Wrentham, 482-6950 • **Meat, D, full bar** • **good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly** • This family-style restaurant serves up delicious

from America, Italy and Greece. Try the chicken souvlaki or the gyros. **\$\$\$**

Pastabilities

4125 Williston Rd., Willamette, 658-5523 • **Meat, D, beer** • All-entire pizzas from this Eatery restaurant can be made at home or on-site. As you can the result, chicken pizza and spaghetti pie. Homemade pasta is made in a variety of flavors. There are sandwiches and slices on weekdays. **\$**

Pizza on Earth

1530 Williston Rd., Charlotte, 658-2142 • **Closed Mon., Sat., Sun.; Meat, D** • **delivery, kid-friendly, outdoor seating, veg-friendly** • This farm-based pizzeria and bakery cooks up thin-crust pies in an outdoor wood oven. Artisan-style breads and homemade pastries are made fresh each day. Take-out only. Call for details. **\$**

Pizza Putt

1225 Airport Parkway, South Burlington, 852-7888 • **Meat, D, beer & wine** • **good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly** • Come in for the homemade pizza — with or without the laser tag. Everything's cooked fresh daily at this 150-year family restaurant. **\$**

Pulcinella's

180 Dorset St., South Burlington, 861-1000 • **Closed Mon., D, full bar** • **gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly** • Authentic Italian dishes, such as gnocchi, bruschetta and "wedding soup," mean it's all right. Don't forget risotto. **Call Pulcinella's family recipes from your grandmother on the menu. No lunch on Monday. \$\$\$**

Rocky's NY Pizzeria

205 Cornerstone Dr., Left Lane Shopping Center, Williston, 878-5955 • **37 Park St., Essex Junction, 878-4441** • **Meat, D, beer & wine** • **delivery, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seating, table service, veg-friendly, w-F, w** • New York natives and owner Rocky have given a reputation for his stuffed pizza. Check out the ice cream bar in the summer. **\$**

Three Tomatoes Trattoria — Williston

192 Railroad St., Williston, 851-2220 • **Closed Mon., D, full bar** • **gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seating, res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly, w-F** • Try the Neapolitan pizzas and antipasti at this rustic Italian restaurant, located right next to the movie theater at Maple Tree Place. The wine list includes dozens of Italian wines available by the glass. **\$\$\$**

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Vittles

20 Sore Wilcox Rd., Essex, 878-4770 • **Closed:** Sun; **Meals:** L, D • **delivery, good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly** • This restaurant offers plenty of Italian choices — from Penne dishes to pasta with your choice of toppings. They also cook up Italian charcuterie and hot turkey sandwiches. ☺

Zachary's Pizzeria

(four locations)
150 Route 7, Barnard Place, Milton, 893-8111 • 133 Melrose Dr., Colchester, 862-7900 • 28 Main St., Richmond, 434-4002 • 1250 Wilburton Rd., South Burlington, 864-9807 • **Meals:** L, D; **beer & wine** • **delivery, good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly** • This family pizzeria makes a bed-situated "red dog" pie topped with hot dogs. Local favorites include the Zachary's special and weekly salad, grinder and entree specials. The Goldcrest location has a full bar. ☺

MARKET & CAFE

Healthy Living Cafe

222 Dorset St., South Burlington, 863-2569 • **Meals:**

R, Br, L, D • **gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, salad bar, veg-friendly, w-f** • This extensive grill, buffet and salad bar uses organic ingredients to serve European, Asian and American cuisines. Fresh-baked breads and pastries are available, too. ☺

Little Garden Market

66 Ferry Rd., Charlotte, 425-6226 • **Meals:** R, L, D • **kid-friendly** • Choose from a selection of grocery items, or get a sandwich or entree to go. In the summer, there's fresh produce, too. ☺

Martone's Market & Cafe

56 Main St., Essex Junction, 878-8183 • **Meals:** R, L • **kid-friendly, outdoor seats, veg-friendly** • This deli-market is popular for its "Vermont" sandwich — maple turkey ham, cheddar and honey mustard on homemade bread. Coffee and homemade baked goods for breakfast. ☺

Natural Provisions Deli & Cafe

129 Harvest Lane Suite 100, 878-1400 • **Meals:** R, Br, L, D • **delivery, gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, salad bar, veg-friendly** • You

can snag a seat in the sunny cafe with floor-to-ceiling windows. The salad bar is organic and the deli serves an all-organic. Homemade sweets include muffins, cakes and pudding. Coffee and soup specials change daily. ☺

Average entrée prices:
\$ \$10 and under \$15 \$15-\$22
\$3 \$23 to \$18 \$18-\$25 prices for no subject

Shelburne Supermarket

20 Shelburne Shopping Park, Shelburne, 885-8520 • **Meals:** L, D • **gluten-free options, outdoor seating, veg-friendly** • On Thursday, the hot lunch dish is butterflied field chicken; on Friday it's shrimp mafaldini; on Friday home duck salad, homemade crab cakes and fresh baguettes — all made with local ingredients when available. ☺

Sweet Clover Market

21 Essex Way, Essex, 872-8288 • **Meals:** Br, L, D • **gluten-free options, kid-friendly, veg-friendly** • All cold cuts are gluten-free and the secret beef is made on site at the natural food store. Gluten-friendly breads are available, too. In winter, grab a cup of beef stew or dum chowder. ☺

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Mexicali Authentic Mexican Grill

28 Walnut St., Suite 180, Maple Tree Place, Williston, 879-8492 • **Meals:** L, D; **full bar** • **gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly** • Join the fajitas and burritos come with homemade salsa, which ranges from mild to extra hot. The margaritas and daily specials are popular, too. ☺

Moe's Southwest Grill

1250 Wilburton Rd., South Burlington, 860-9908 • **Meals:** L, D; **beer & wine** • **good for groups, kid-friendly, veg-friendly, w-f** • There's no table service at this "Mexican" fast-food restaurant on Wilburton Road. But you can eat your "New Yorker" burrito on the premises. ☺

Tommy's City Grill

580 Shelburne Rd., South Burlington, 662-0111 • **Closed:** Mon; **Meals:** R, Br, L, D; **beer & wine** • **kid-friendly** • This is Mexican-American fusion cuisine in its spiciest, best-food setting. Try the spicy chicken burrito. ☺

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Sadie Katz Delicatessen

189 Bank Street, Burlington, 864-5108

The bacon cheeseburger isn't exactly kosher — and neither is the owner, Glenn Miller — but for Jews in the Burlington area, Sadie Katz Delicatessen is a gem. With specialty foods shipped in regularly from New York City, the diner-turned-deli supplies the Garden City with whitefish salad and lox, HMM bays and Dr. Brown's sodas.

For sure, you'll find plenty of guys resting on the all-beef dogs, egg creams and mouth-stretching "K.Y.C. Huge" sandwiches in the Art Deco diner cup, which is decorated in shades of pastel green and pink. Want the pasteurized fitty and the mustard on top? No problem. For an extra buck, you can add a live "schneizel."

Slide into a booth or sit at the counter. There's also an active takeout area, where EBY sandwich makers stand in line for pounds of roasted brisket, tongue and chopped chicken liver. Folks flying brunch at home can pick up bagels and smoked salmon.

Even while dishing up crisp, onion-studded latkes, the Bank Street eatery acknowledges its predecessor, the Duck Diner. There's a Greek omelette on the menu, for example, as well as bismillah pancakes and breakfast sandwiches. (Spicy patties and pastrami combine in a pastrami Benedict on top, served with a latke. One smoothie comes stuffed with corned beef, mushrooms and Swiss cheese.)

The service can be a little brusque when the place is slammed, but that's New York, too: nothing to scratch about.



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AMERICAN

BARBECUE

Big Fatty's BBQ

56 Main St., Burlington, 864-4653
= Meats: L, B; beer & wine = all-you-can-eat, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, live music = The slogan at this BBQ joint is "Put some South in your mouth." It's the only place in Vermont that lets you eat from an honest-to-goodness pig trough. Check out the "slow baked" smoked for over 24 hours, and the "biblical portions" of pulled pork. All meats and ribs are homemade. **B**

CONTEMPORARY

Battery Street Grill

at the Hilton Hotel
60 Battery St., Burlington, 668-6003 = Meats: R, L, B, Late Fall bar = good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly, w-f = Inside the Hilton Hotel, this casual restaurant serves meals until 10 p.m. Late-night snacks available. **B+**

The Daily Planet

15 Center St., Burlington, 862-0647
= Meats: B, Late Fall bar = gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, no reservations, table service, vegan-friendly = The casual fun at this high-energy bar and restaurant ranges from cheeseburgers to Nova ice cream tagliatelle. There are always 12 beers on tap. **B+**

The Green Room

80 St. Paul St., Burlington, 655-8668 = Classics: Pub., Lick = Meats: B, Late Fall bar = gluten-free options, good for groups, outdoor seats, no reservations, table service, veg-friendly, live music = Exposed urban ambience and creative cuisine at the bar, in the dining room or in the lounge, where top, comfy chairs are part of the deal. Mix it up with seasonal small, medium and large plates, or try one of the nightly entree specials. **B++**

Long House

160 Main St., Burlington, 662-2690
= Classics: All but Saus; Meats: B = gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, no reservations, seasonal, table service, vegan-friendly, w-f = Open to the public from November 1 to Easter, this Victorian house eats only 50. Eat and listen to popovers, and spread pecan waffles, are some of the dishes on the rotating menu. **B+**

Magnolia Bistro

1001 Lennon Lane, Suite 10,
Burlington, 864-1444 = Meats: B, B+, L; full bar = gluten-free options, good for groups, outdoor seats, table service, vegan-friendly,

w-f = This afternoon cafe offers Mediterranean bites on traditional bread. The eco-friendly menu focuses on farm-to-table and sustainable products. Go for the seasonal penicil cheeseburger and cold drink under \$5. **B**

Penny Clause Cafe

100 Cherry St., Burlington,
662-551-8814 = Meats: R, L; beer & wine = kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly = The long lines are a testament to the popularity of this breakfast-and-lunch place. Try the Zucchini breakfast — two eggs, any style, black beans, rice, melted cheese and radish butter. **B**

Sweetwaters

128 Church St., Burlington, 864-4600
= Meats: L, B; full bar = good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly, w-f = This eclectic bistro has been a Church Street neighborhood mainstay. Weekly for more than 27 years. Try the savory Biste beef burger, bacon burger or the vegetarian "Herbed tartare." **B+**

DINER

Dough Boy's Bakery & Coffee Shop

45 Pearl St., Burlington, 658-1425
= Classics: Meats: R, L = kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly = This neighborhood diner serves up comfort food Tuesday through Sunday. The adjoining bakery sells homemade doughnuts, pies and pastries by the dozen. **B**

Handy's Lunch

74 Maple St., Burlington, 864-4463
= Meats: R, L = kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly = Family-owned since 1945, this neighborhood diner serves "Big ol' day pancakes and eggs" and "buns" cheeseburgers with chili. Slacker hours on weekends. **B**

Henry's Diner

155 Bank St., Burlington, 862-9010
= Meats: R, L, B = kid-friendly, table service = This historic Queen City diner still serves breakfast all day and offers home-cooked dishes in a cozy, old-fashioned setting. Try some specialties, too. Opens at 6 a.m. **B**

SOUF & SANDWICH

Bagel Cafe & Deli

1127 North Ave., Rte. 259, Burlington,
862-9689 = Meats: R, L = good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, veg-friendly = The New North End's local bagel bakery is also a great place to hang out. **B**

Bruegger's

Bagel Bakery

99 Church St., Burlington, 860-1995
= Meats: R, L, B = kid-friendly, outdoor seats, veg-friendly, w-f = This

downtown eatery offers quick coffee, soups and sandwiches on bagels baked fresh all day. Also serving soups, salads and juices. College cards accepted. **B**

Cheese 'N Crust Souperstar

116A Church St., Burlington, 862-3883 = Meats: L = kid-friendly, veg-friendly = A build-your-own-vegetarian-chicken-bar and soup spot located in a leak on Church Street, The Long Tail cheddar soup is a big seller. For every bowl of soup add a bowl of dentado to a local food shelf. Closed Sunday in winter. **B**

Cobblestone Deli and Cafe

352 Battery St., Burlington,
865-8384 = Classics: Saus; Meats: R, L; beer & wine = delivery, good for groups, kid-friendly, no reservations, veg-friendly, w-f = This specialty sandwich shop has the only dog-eared sign on town. Stop in for a sandwich, salad or to sample the baked goods. Also featuring local members and wines. **B**

Four Corners of the Earth

310 Pine St., Burlington, 657-3868
= Meats: L, B, BITE = cash/check only, gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, veg-friendly = Owner Lorraine Freeman draws inspiration from all over the globe to create unique sandwiches. Try the Jamaican jerkadee, Cuban pork, Lebanese lamb or Taganess tuna. Daily specials, weekly table at lunch and dinner. **B**

Kountry Kart Deli

355 Main St., Burlington, 864-4408
= Meats: R, L, G, Late = veg-friendly = In the mood for a new-hour Philly cheese toast? This Avenue Queen City deli serves its full menu until 3 p.m., all year round. Early birds stop by at 7 a.m. for the "Morning Run" or "Bacon & Cheese" sandwiches. **B**

Mad Hatter

179 Bank St., Burlington, 864-4500
= Classics: Saus; Meats: R, L, B = delivery, veg-friendly = Lattes, all the go can pick up a bagged lunch including a sandwich or chef salad, drink and a cookie for just \$5.99 with tax. Try the Italian panini or Burt's Hand cupsicles like, salmon and bolognese sandwiches. **B**

New Moon

1001 Cherry St., Burlington,
862-383-1526 = Classics: Saus; Meats: R, L = delivery, good for groups, kid-friendly, salad bar, veg-friendly, w-f = A warm interior and awesome chandelier lend this breakfast-and-lunch spot a funky elegance. Portholes house-made sandwiches, salads and baked goods. Or build your own, drawing from more than 10 ingredients. Full espresso bar, too. **B**

Outer Space

228 Flynn Ave., Burlington, 662-8526 = Classics: Saus; Meats: R, L, BITE = delivery, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly, w-f, dance floor, karaoke, live music = Self-described "Rock, Fun and Buns!" Outer Space serves soups, grilled sandwiches and baked goods. **B**

The Pine Street Deli

326 Flynn Ave., Burlington, 862-9614
= Meats: R, L, B; beer & wine = w-f = It's a corner store, a deli and a source for Greek specialties such as gyro, baklava and spanakopita. The sausage and egg burrito are popular in the a.m. At lunch, Google's restaurant and the "Big Papa burger" fly out the door. **B**

Radio Deli

77 Pearl St., Burlington, 865-2288
= Meats: R, L, B = kid-friendly, veg-friendly = Co-owner Pete Scordino serves a diverse clientele at his neighborhood grocery and deli. The meatball sandwiches in buns and the homemade soups have a fan base of their own. **B**

Red Onion

140 1/2 Church St., Burlington,
865-2563 = Meats: R, L, B = delivery, gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, no reservations = Home of the legendary Red Onion Sandwich — a combo of turkey, bacon, Grumpy Smith apples, red onion, and red-onion jam, served on a sesame seed bun. Try it at one of these homemade honey oat bread. **B**

Rooney's Cafe & Deli

175 College St., Burlington, 864-7567 = Meats: L, BITE = delivery, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, salad bar, veg-friendly = Home-made soups such as Long Tail cheddar soup and corn chowder and soft-foam egg and onion soup are all here. They also offer hot pasta dishes, family-made salads and big gourmet sandwiches — try the pulled pork. **B**

Sadie Katz

Delicatessen (See pg. 77)

189 Bank St., Burlington, 864-5228
= Meats: R, B+, L, B; beer & wine = kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly = Sample Jewish deli treats — everything made of potatoes on rye-bread, all-beef dogs with kasha and matzo ball soup — without leaving Vermont. Invite some Dr. Brown's soda to mix up the table. They also have the sweet 'n' vegetal "Cilantro." **B**



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211 College St., Burlington, 862-7626
Class: Sun.; **Meals:** B, L, D, beer & wine • **cash/check only, gluten-free options, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, salad bar, vegan-friendly** • This vegetarian, cafeteria-style eatery has a silver salad bar, gluten-free baked goods and Saturday brunch. Also soup, pizza, sandwiches and daily hot dishes. Tossing through Friday you can get dinner — with beer and wine — until 8. **B**

Sugarsnap

225 N. Riverside Ave., Burlington, 862-562-5922 • **Class:** Sat., Sun.; **Meals:** B, L, D • **gluten-free options, kid-friendly, vegan-friendly** • The deli and specialty take-out shop roasts the adventures of being late to the Burlington Interim. Choose from freshly prepared salads, sandwiches and homemade soups. Ready-made take-home dinners are also available. Daily lunch and dinner specials. **B**

Think! Cafe at Elcho

1 College St., Burlington, 862-1848 • **Meals:** B, D • **gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, vegan-friendly, wi-fi, brunch** • An eco-friendly lunch spot located inside F201 Life Aquatics and Science Center. Soups and sandwiches are crafted from local, seasonal ingredients, and there's a big emphasis on composting and recycling. Admission not required to eat. **B**

Top of the Block

Sandwich Shoppe
 2 Church St., Burlington, 862-0647 • **Class:** Sun.; **Meals:** B, L • **delivery, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, veg-friendly** • The proprietors toast their own lunch meats at this to-go spot: the pastries, muffins, cookies, soups and wait-time-free dishes are also homemade. **B**

Vermont Sandwich Company Inc.

2 N. Winslow Ave., Burlington, 955-1652 • **Meals:** B, D • **kid-friendly, vegan-friendly, wi-fi** • This local sandwich company comes up with some interesting combos. Try the popular "Pabst," with turkey stuffing and cranberry sauce. **B**

STEAKHOUSE/SEAFOOD

Blue Cat Cafe and Wine Bar

1 Lewis Lane at St. Paul and College, Burlington, 862-3639 • **Class:** Sun.; **Meals:** B, full bar • **outdoor seats, res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly** • A cool wine bar is a hip spot; the Blue Cat features happy and sophisticated fare with locally sourced side dishes — along with more than 300 wines by the bottle. Check it out between 4 p.m. and midnight. **B++**

Ice House Restaurant & Bar

171 Battery St., Burlington, 862-1800 • **Meals:** B, L, D, full bar • **gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly** • Located in a 200-year-old ice house, this casual yet classy waterfront steak and seafood restaurant has two large docks, french seafood from Father's Day through March-Spring. **B++**

Scuffer Steak & Ale House

148 Church St., Burlington, 864-9495 • **Meals:** L, D, late; full bar • **gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly, wi-fi, live jazz 11 p.m. on top and an extensive menu featuring house-cured, pork and seafood.** This casual restaurant has something for everyone. Prime rib is an special Friday and Saturday. Dinner menu available until 11 p.m. on Thurs. **B++**

Shanty on the Shore

181 Battery St., Burlington, 864-3235 • **Meals:** L, D, full bar • **kid-friendly, table service** • Burlington's only raw bar is considered a historic landmark — it was built in 1833. Enjoy quality seafood while enjoying great views of Lake Champlain. **B++**

Tilley's Café

351 Church St., Burlington, 862-636-4963 • **Meals:** L, D, late; full bar • **gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, res. recommended, table service, vegan-friendly, wi-fi** • Find a "magical party" with tastes of beautiful, old-world fish at this restaurant, around the corner from the Flynn Center. The mostly gluten-free menu features a variety of fresh seafood dishes as well as drink and vegetarian fare. Openhouse visit pending available Thursday through Saturday. Call for hours. **B++**

TRADITIONAL

Halverson's Upstreet Café

18 Church St., Burlington, 862-4278 • **Meals:** L, D, full bar • **good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly, the music, live jazz** • Dinner is served on Church Street, inside, or on the back patio of this pub-style eatery. Live music Thursday night. **B++**

Noctua's

258 Main St., Burlington, 862-464-7171 • **Meals:** B, late; full bar • **good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly, wi-fi, all-ages chow, dance floor, live music, pool, pub**

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gully, thick, or, sometimes, cover • The left-side of Photo, this Burlington landmark local, regional and seasonal music acts of all genres. The dining room serves to house-smoked local meats and North's world-famous gray fish. **B**

QTeas

257 N. Winslow Ave., Burlington, 862-5646 • **Meals:** L, D • **cash/check only, good for groups, kid-friendly, seasonal** • It's been open since 1995 and in the same place since 1996. Try the charbroiled, "bad-damn burger" — two beef patties topped with chipotle sauce, jalapeño pepper sauce and pepper jack. Or the "jimm-o dog" otherwise known as a Michigan, Sunday service comes only. **B**

Splash at the Boathouse

1 College St., floating in the lake, Burlington, 862-2244 • **Meals:** L, D, full bar • **kid-friendly, outdoor seats, seasonal, table service** • The floating eatery offers spectacular views of Lake Champlain. Its slogan is "Serving marvelous food, drinks and sunsets." \$14 available. Open from Memorial Day to Columbus Day. **B++**

CHINESE

A Single Pebble

133 Bank St., Burlington, 862-865-6230 • **Meals:** L, D, full bar • **good for groups, outdoor seats, res. recommended, table service, vegan-friendly** • This authentic Chinese restaurant cooks up a mean rock and encourages sharing. Serves dishes in traditional banquet style. Lunch is served Monday through Saturday. Dinner only. **B++**

China Express

255 Shelburne Rd., Burlington, 862-2155 • **Meals:** L, D, late • **delivery** • Located on Shelburne Road, this take-out restaurant sells a lot of fried dumplings and General Tso's. **B**

China Express — Old North End

30 North St., Burlington, 862-8008 • **Meals:** B, late • **delivery, veg-friendly** • Serving all the popular Chinese dishes in the heart of the Old North End. Choose from over 500, or create your own vegetable/soy/tofu combinations. Follows classic with a choice of white or brown sauce. Eat in, take out, or get it delivered. They cater, too. **B**

Fu Da Chinese Restaurant

187 Pearl St., Burlington, 864-3883 • **Meals:** L, D • **delivery, veg-friendly** • The restaurant formerly known as No. 1 Chinese has moved a few doors down. You can't beat the hours — it's



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open every night until late. Register as can count their own next-free carbox, for lunch on Sunday. **B**

INDIAN

Indian House Restaurant

257 Colchester Ave., Burlington, 862-2800 • **Meals:** L, D, beer & wine • **delivery, gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly** • This North Indian restaurant cooks everything over charcoal in a traditional clay oven. Try the vegetable or naan-stuffed flatbreads, or the tandoori chicken. **B++**

Shalimar of India

16 N. Winslow Ave., Burlington, 864-5693 • **Meals:** B, L, D, beer & wine • **delivery, gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, vegan-friendly** • Serving North Indian cuisine for 15 years. The Sunday brunch is a deal, for \$13.50. Try the lamb shank korma or the chicken tikka masala. **B**

JAPANESE

Asiana House

131 Pearl St., Burlington, 863-0818 • **Meals:** L, D, full bar • **delivery, outdoor seats, res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly** • It's this Korean-style Japanese restaurant, the 8th options are plentiful and superb. The vegetarian menu and sushi bar are especially popular. **B++**

Sakura Ebara

Japanese Restaurant
 2 Church St., Burlington, 862-1088 • **Meals:** L, D, full bar • **outdoor seats, table service, vegan-friendly** • This authentic Japanese sushi and sashimi spot keeps the coming for its cozy-fresh feel. Customers can enjoy a warm atmosphere with the "tatami" room, where pillows replace the chairs. **B++**

PAN-ASIAN

Asiana Noodle Shop

88 Church St., Burlington, 862-8828 • **Meals:** L, D, 8 p.m. • **gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, res. recommended, table service, vegan-friendly** • Want to wine & dine with some Asian comfort food? Here you'll find versions from Malaysia and Korea as well as Japan, Vietnam and Thailand. Start with ginger tea, then get your own bowl, noodles and fu to make a gigantic bowl of soup. Not up for slurping? There are plenty of dumplings and carbox. **B**



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Himalayan Food Market

28 North St., Burlington, 735-0681
• Meats: L, B • delivery, gluten-free options, kid-friendly, vegan-friendly
• In a hurry? On Friday, Saturday and Sunday pick up prepared vegetables and lentil curries over basmati rice, pungent sardines and spicy mango salsa. You can also buy Nepalese, Bhutanese, Tibetan and Indian specialties, like thupkas and momos (dumplings). **B**

Pacific Rim

113 St. Paul St., Burlington, 853-3030 • Closed: Sun; Meats: L, B, full bar • gluten-free options, kid-friendly, table service, vegan-friendly • Totes of Avo spin-up this casual eatery. How about some ginger lemonade and Korean shrimp oyster? In the mood for Vietnamese? Grab pho and egg rolls. **B+**

THAI

Bangkok Bistro

544 Church St., Burlington, 955-0555 • Meats: L, B; full bar • gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, veg-friendly • Try the happy hour or shrimp green curry at this authentic Thai restaurant with sushi and market bars. **B+**

Parma Restaurant

285 Pearl St., Burlington, 854-7617 • Meats: L, B; full bar • delivery, gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, vegan-friendly, wi-fi, live music • Serving traditional Thai cuisine for more than 13 years, Parma draws diners and music lovers alike. Favorite dishes include chicken khao chow, green papaya chicken stir-fry and all your favorite Thai curries. There's a noodle-bar menu, too. The "Acoustic Lounge Culture Cafe" offers live music in an intimate setting. **B+**

VIETNAMESE

Me Saigon

Vietnamese Noodle House

310 Shelburne St., Burlington, 845-8183 • Meats: L, B; BYOB • delivery, gluten-free options, kid-friendly, table service, vegan-friendly • Slurp up pho or try a rice plate with grilled lemongrass chicken. It's one of the city's only scenes of bubble tea in flavor such as lime, honeydew, coconut and durian. **B**

Pho Hong

325 North Winooski Ave., Burlington, 845-9331 • Meats: L, B; BYOB • table service, vegan-friendly, wi-fi • You'll find Vietnamese curries and soups, plus a few Thai offerings, in

the colorful 90 North End restaurant. Try the beef pot or the "happy pancakes" — Vietnamese omelet stuffed with shrimp, pork and onions. Vegetarians can get lost with tofu. **B**

Phuong's Kitchen

1130 North Ave., Burlington, 855-4148 • Meats: L, B • delivery, gluten-free options, kid-friendly, vegan-friendly • A selection of Asian buns, from pork to pad thai, are available at this convenience-store eatery. The Vietnamese eggroll sampler comes with satay, dumplings, spring rolls and wings. **B**

Vietnam Restaurant II

558 Church St., Burlington, 854-9555 • Meats: B, L, B; BYOB • gluten-free options, good for groups, veg-friendly, table service, vegan-friendly • There's more than Vietnamese at this pan-Asian spot. There are Chinese hot pots, and a Thai chef in the kitchen preparing his country's specialties. Bar, live covered patio, Saturday and Sunday. **B+**

PIZZERIES

Great Harvest Bread Co.

282 Pitt St., Burlington, 660-2122 • Closed: Sun; Meats: L, B; kid-friendly, outdoor seats, veg-friendly • Choose from brioche, focaccia, and eight varieties of bread made with fresh-rolled, whole-grain flour. Lunch options include pizza and panini. **B**

Mirabelle's

259 Pearl St., Burlington, 858-9314 • Meats: B, B, L • delivery, table service, veg-friendly • Only lunch specials and to-go items: pizzas, doughnuts, fries. Burlington bakery-cats can by two NYC grinds. Try the French brioche or egg-and-cheese sandwiches for breakfast. **B**

Nurjuna

128 N. Champlain St., Burlington, 851-2267 • Meats: B, B, L • cash/check only, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, vegan-friendly • Pick a window seat in this bright, casual cafe where breads and pastries go straight from oven to plate. The "Slurp" — potato dumplings stuffed with cheese and topped with all the fixings — is a bit of a knockout. Hot pretzels and beer-and-kebab or vodka sodas are also a crowd. **B**

Paradero

203 N. Winooski Ave., Burlington, 851-8238 • Closed: Mon, Sun; Meats: L, L • cash/check only, veg-friendly • Darts are king at this neighborhood Italian that turns from bread, pastries, muffins and waffles — and, for lunch, creamy stuffed croissants. The two bars in Burlington's former market facade. Open until 5. **B**

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BAR

Akes' Place

184 Church St., Burlington, 864-8113 • full bar • cash/check only, outdoor seats, darts, pool, tv • The bar's got all the staples — plus darts leagues and six major sports packages on the 42" HD plasma TV. **B**

Drink

126 St. Paul St., Burlington, 866-8403 • Closed: Sun • full bar • table service, live music, other games, tv • This classy, full-service bar specializes in creative drinks of all kinds. Try the house-infused vodka. On's favored with two, another with Daily Rooster comedy. There are nightly specials and board games, too. **B+**

Esok

194 Main St., Burlington, 863-7114 • full bar, darts, pool, tv • Catch all the Red Sox and Yankees action at this sports bar — it's got the "basement" — there are 100 bars on draft and plenty of video games. **B**

Finnigan's Pub

206 College St., Burlington, 861-8209 • full bar • cash/check only, darts, pool, tv • The friendly full-service sports bar has an Irish accent. Check out the sports package for beer, football, hockey and basketball on six TVs. **B**

JP's Pub

129 Main St., Burlington, 868-5189 • full bar, dance floor, darts, karaoke, live music, pool, tv • Karaoke is Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, there's a rock band every other Thursday. Pool tournaments are held on Sunday. Also offering board, pool and video games. **B**

Olde Northerner Pub

25 North St., Burlington, 864-8888 • Meats: Later full bar • cash/check only, dance floor, darts, karaoke, pool, tv • Owner Rob Bennett describes this neighborhood watering hole as "the last damn make-you-feel-at-home bar." **B**

The Other Place

4 N. Winooski Ave., Burlington, 861-8603 • full bar • good for groups, pool, tv • The front end of this friendly neighborhood bar opens up on the summer — it's a garage door. Listen to tunes and grab snacks and a beer without leaving the bar. **B**

T. Rugg's Tavern

140 Elmwood Ave., Burlington, 668-0458 • full bar • cash/check only, darts, live music, pool, tv • Imagine a downstate "diner" with darts, pool and a jukebox. You can smoke, too, on the deck out back. **B**

Three Needs

287 College St., Burlington, 668-0800 • Meats: Later full bar • wi-fi, pool, tv • Stop in for some serious pool and "The Simpsons" twice a day at this bar and lounge. Open from 4 p.m. until 2:30 in the morning. Chill out or play arcade games to an eclectic mix of tunes. **B**

What Ale's You

152 St. Paul St., Burlington, 863-1354 • full bar • cash/check only, table service, tv • This popular college lounge features drink specials Sunday to Wednesday and two-dollar drafts on Thursday. **B**

NIGHTCLUB

242 Main

242 Main St., Burlington, 862-2244 • cash/check only, all ages show, live music, no sometimes cover • Local bands come to this youth-oriented community haven, managed by Burlington Park & Rec, for movie nights, political discussions and live, alcohol-free entertainment. **B**

Club Mesonome at Nectar's

185 Main St., Burlington, 855-4563 • full bar • wi-fi, all-ages show, dance floor, live music, no, sometimes cover • Located above Nectar's, this venue lets touring artists and underground DJs in, as well as local indie, neo-funk jams and reggae sets. Saturday night is "Rotonome." It's also a local art space and a popular place to hold private parties. **B**

Rasputin's

188 Church St., Burlington, 864-8324 • Closed: Mon., Sun.; full bar • cash/check only, dance floor, live music, pool, tv, sometimes cover • This popular college haunt drinks things up with 60s live nights, a week pool and football, interactive signage (who doesn't like dancing). **B**

Red Square

135 Church St., Burlington, 859-8809 • full bar • cash/check only, outdoor seats, wi-fi, dance floor, live music, tv, sometimes cover • This party downtown bar hosts DJs and local groups on weekdays. Weekends showcase touring bands. They do private parties, too. Where check your credit flow you can! **B**

Second Floor

185 Church St., Burlington, 860-2888 • Closed: Mon., Tues., Sat.; full bar • cash/check only, all-ages show, dance floor, karaoke, live music, pool, tv, sometimes cover • 60s pop to hip-hop, reggae and pop at this diverse nightclub. Sometimes live classic rock bands play on Saturday. **B**

PUB

Breakwater Cafe

105 S. Rock, Burlington, 855-4276
 • Music: R, L, D; full bar • good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, seasonal, table service, veg-friendly, live music • nightly live entertainment and a close-up view of Lake Champlain add to the appeal of this seasonal eatery. Book your last few fish bowls when you dig into a frozen pub food fare June through September. **B**

Church Street Tavern

121 Church St., Burlington, 658-1308 • Music: L, D; full bar • good for groups, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly • This sports tavern has a huge following of college students and professionals. Here's a burger with your breakfast. **B+**

Ri Ra Irish Pub

121 Church St., Burlington, 840-9401 • Music: R, L, D; full bar • good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, dance floor, live music, pub-quiz/trivia, tv • Looking for a taste of the Emerald Isle? This authentic pub serves up a full menu, plus live music. Wednesday through Saturday Irish music on Sunday. Pub Quiz every Tuesday night. High-diff Trivia for sporting events. **B**

Ruben James

158 Main St., Burlington, 864-0744 • Music: L, D; full bar • delivery, good for groups, table service, veg-friendly, dance floor, pool, tv • Back out to dinner, hip-hop and R&B CDs on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The TV localized satellite sports packages. Stay the night, award-winning wings at happy hour on Friday and Saturday or try the Boston burger. **B**

Vermont Pub & Brewery

144 College St., Burlington, 865-0400 • Music: L, D; full bar • good for groups, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly, darts, live music, tv • Watch down the country corridor — or enjoy Black Angus burger — with one of 18 home-brewed ales and lagers on tap. **B**

SPEAKEASY

1/2 Lounge

136 1/2 Church St., Burlington, 865-0312 • Music: L, D; full bar • gluten-free options, good for groups, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly, live music • A modern speakeasy offering eclectic live music and high-quality adult libations, including numerous boutique wines. Tossing the dice like roller has been transformed into a private event (large). Try the organic pinot, the local autumn cherries or the Guinness chocolate cake. **B**

FREE/TEA

Dobrá Tea

88 Church St., entrance on Bank St., Burlington, 851-2424 • gluten-free options, outdoor seats, table service, vegan-friendly, wi-fi • Enjoy more than 30 varieties of direct-sourced international loose-leaf tea — served according to tradition — in this belated tea room. Need a snack? Try the locally made pastas or eclectic light fare. **B**

Lake Champlain Chocolate Factory Store & Cafe

150 Pine St., Burlington, 864-1831 • take-out • big specialty hot chocolate as well as coffee and tea at this cafe located inside the Lake Champlain Chocolate Factory Store. On the way out, buy some factory seconds at deep discounts, or have a box of truffles wrapped up. **B**

Muddy Waters

184 Main St., Burlington, 865-2466 • beer & wine • good for groups, kid-friendly, vegan-friendly • This family-style house serves for a "rich, authentic atmosphere that encourages community and interaction," says owner Mark Hordtberg. There's also a range of organic and fair-trade coffees, creative seasonal cocktails, all-fruit smoothies and baked goods. **B**

Radio Bean Coffeehouse

8 N. Winooski Ave., Burlington, 660-8846 • full bar • gluten-free options, outdoor seats, veg-friendly, wi-fi, all-ages shows, dance floor, live music • Nightly live music and a light menu of bagels, paninis and baked goods keep this hip local hangout hopping. Monday is open sat, Wednesday is Irish Sessions, jazz on Thursday the rest of the week offers a variety of local bands and performers. **B**

Sapa's Coffee and Tea

9 Center St., Burlington, 328-4888 • good for groups, kid-friendly, veg-friendly, wi-fi • Sip small cups of rich Vietnamese coffee and loose-leaf tea as well as fruit juices, smoothies and bubble tea. Henny? There are chocolate truffles, flow items, paninis, and Vietnamese sandwiches and spring rolls, too. **B**

Speeder & Earl's — Church Street

334 Church St., Burlington, 860-4450 • cash/back only, outdoor seats • The "backyard oasis" — a specialty mocha with orange zest and almonds — is a big seller at this seasonal downtown juze joint. Also offering mufins and pastas from Newfries. Outdoor seating in summer. **B**

Speeder & Earl's — Pine Street

412 Pine St., Burlington, 855-4616 • good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, veg-friendly, wi-fi • As many as 100 coffee-dependent patrons pass through this coffee shop every day. The beans are roasted in-house, and can also be bought in bulk. Don't miss the specialty drinks in any flavor you can dream up. **B**

Uncommon Grounds

42 Church St., Burlington, 865-6127 • cash/back only, outdoor seats, wi-fi • The in-house roaster, speedy service and outdoor cafe set this coffeehouse apart — not to mention the selection of organic and exotic teas, chef letters, and various baked goods to sweeten the sipper. Don't miss the local art on the walls. **B**

Viva Espresso

191 N. Winooski, Burlington, 865-8832 • kid-friendly, outdoor seats, veg-friendly, wi-fi • A neighborhood coffee shop serving local, organic and fair-trade goods. Grow-ups nibble on baked goods and sandwiches, while tots enjoy the sunny play area. **B**

VEGETIC

Avenue Bistro

1121 North Ave., Burlington, 662-9999 • Music: R, L, D; full bar • gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, no reservations, table service, veg-friendly, wi-fi, live music • Euro- and Asian-influenced food spins up one of the only sit-down restaurants on the New North End. Try the given curry macaroni with coconut milk and the chicken outside special, which features a new filling each day. **B+**

iDuoal (Duende)

12 N. Winooski Ave., Burlington, 860-9949 • Music: L, D; full bar • gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly, wi-fi • iDuoal's theme provides the international street food spot — open Tru 2 a.m. on weekends. Enjoy dishes from shwarma to pasture-raised to Mad plantains. Servers dress for weekly themes like Friday or reggae. **B**

The Skinny Pancake

60 Lake St., Burlington, 865-0181 • Music: R, L, D; full bar • wine • gluten-free options, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, veg-friendly, wi-fi, all-ages shows, live music • At this cozy venue, you can get your wits with a twist or enjoy filling Try the "Lowman," which combines cranberries and Napa. Also offering salads, soups, fudges and ice cream. The owners are committed to locally sourced ingredients whenever possible. **B**

Leung's Bistro

115 Church St., Burlington, 862-3190 • Music: R, L, D; full bar • gluten-free options, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly, live music • The owners boast that Leung's got "the panache of Paris and the value of Vermont." Good location, too. Live music Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday nights and weekend brunch. **B+**

BRITISH/GASTROPUB

Bluebird Tavern

117 Riverside Ave., Burlington, 426-4686 • Music: R, L, D; full bar • wine • gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly, wi-fi, all-ages shows, live music, tv • Coming summer 2009. Dedicated to local and sustainable eating, this gastropub takes advantage of its location just down the road from the Innville. Enjoy pub food with a contemporary twist and 12 regional beers on tap. **B+**

MEDITERRANEAN

Ahl Baba's Kabob Shop

168 Main St., Burlington, 862-5052 • Music: L, D; full bar • gluten-free options, kid-friendly, veg-friendly • You can get gyros, pita, falafel and sweet potato fries at this Middle Eastern spot next to the Dyme Center. The vegan tables are perfect for people-watching. **B**

SLAVIC

Euro Corner

61 Main St., Burlington, 865-3916 • Music: L, D • good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly, wi-fi • This European market and cafe has homemade bread, plus cakes and pastries and sandwiches are made with European specialty meats. **B**

American Flatbread

— Burlington Hearth

115 S. Paul St., Burlington, 862-2989 • Music: L, D; full bar • wine • good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly • Flavored topped with gourmet local and organic ingredients sizzle before your eyes in an open, wood-fired oven. Watch it down with an authentic Belgian or German-style beer from the in-house brewery. **B+**

Stone Soup

211 College St., Burlington, 862-7626
Class: Sun.; **Meals:** B, L, D, beer & wine • **cash/check only, gluten-free options, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, salad bar, vegan-friendly** • This vegetarian, cafeteria-style eatery has a silver salad bar, gluten-free baked goods and Saturday brunch. Also soup, pizza, sandwiches and daily hot dishes. Tossing through Friday you can get dinner — with beer and wine — until 8. **B**

Sugarsnap

225 N. Riverside Ave., Burlington, 862-562-5922 • **Class:** Sat., Sun.; **Meals:** B, L, D • **gluten-free options, kid-friendly, vegan-friendly** • The deli and specialty take-out shop roasts the adventures of being late to the Burlington Interim. Choose from freshly prepared salads, sandwiches and homemade soups. Ready-made take-home dinners are also available. Daily lunch and dinner specials. **B**

Think! Cafe at Elcho

1 College St., Burlington, 862-1848 • **Meals:** B • **gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, vegan-friendly, wi-fi, brunch** • An eco-friendly lunch spot located inside F201 Life Aquatics and Science Center. Soups and sandwiches are crafted from local, seasonal ingredients, and there's a big emphasis on composting and recycling. Admission not required to eat. **B**

Top of the Block

Sandwich Shoppe
 2 Church St., Burlington, 862-0647 • **Class:** Sun.; **Meals:** B, L • **delivery, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, veg-friendly** • The proprietors toast their own lunch meats at this food spot: the pastries, muffins, cookies, soups and wait-time-free dishes are also homemade. **B**

Vermont Sandwich Company Inc.

2 N. Winslow Ave., Burlington, 955-1652 • **Meals:** B, L • **kid-friendly, vegan-friendly, wi-fi** • This local sandwich company comes up with some interesting combos. Try the popular "Pabst," with turkey, stuffing and cranberry sauce. **B**

STEAKHOUSE/SEAFOOD

Blue Cat Cafe and Wine Bar

1 Lewis Lane at St. Paul and College, Burlington, 862-3639 • **Class:** Sun.; **Meals:** B, full bar • **outdoor seats, res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly** • A cool wine bar is a hip spot; the Blue Cat features happy and sophisticated fare with locally sourced side dishes — along with more than 300 wines by the bottle. Check it out between 4 p.m. and midnight. **B++**

Ice House Restaurant & Bar

171 Battery St., Burlington, 862-1800 • **Meals:** B, L, D, full bar • **gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly** • Located in a 200-year-old ice house, this casual yet classy waterfront steak and seafood restaurant has two large docks, french seafood from Father's Day through mid-October. **B++**

Scuffer Steak & Ale House

148 Church St., Burlington, 864-9495 • **Meals:** L, D, late; full bar • **gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly, wi-fi, live jazz 11 p.m. on top and an extensive menu featuring house-cured, pork and seafood.** This casual restaurant has something for everyone. Prime rib is an special Friday and Saturday. Dinner menu available until 11 p.m. on Sundays. **B++**

Shanty on the Shore

181 Battery St., Burlington, 864-3235 • **Meals:** L, D, full bar • **kid-friendly, table service** • Burlington's only raw bar is considered a historic landmark — it was built in 1833. Enjoy quality seafood while enjoying great views of Lake Champlain. **B++**

Tilley's Café

351 Church St., Burlington, 862-636-4963 • **Meals:** L, D, late; full bar • **gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, res. recommended, table service, vegan-friendly, wi-fi** • Find a "magical place" with tastes of beautiful, old-world fish at this restaurant, around the corner from the Flynn Center. The mostly gluten-free menu features a variety of fresh seafood dishes as well as drink and vegetarian fare. Openhouse visit pending available Thursday through Saturday. Call for hours. **B++**

TRADITIONAL

Halverson's Upstreet Café

18 Church St., Burlington, 862-4278 • **Meals:** L, D, full bar • **good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly, the music, live jazz** • Hang in burger on Church Street, inside, or on the back patio of this pub-style eatery. Live music Thursday night. **B++**

Noctua's

258 Main St., Burlington, 862-464-7171 • **Meals:** B, late; full bar • **good for groups, kid-friendly, outdoor seats, table service, veg-friendly, wi-fi, all-ages chow, dance floor, live music, pool, pub**

Average Drink Prices

\$	\$12 and under	\$15	\$16-\$22
\$5	\$13 to \$14	\$16 to \$18	price is no object
\$15	\$19 to \$25		

gollywinks, or, sometimes cover • The left-side of Photo, this Burlington landmark has local, regional and seasonal music acts of all genres. The dining room serves to house-smoked local meats and North's world-famous gray fish. **B**

QTeas

257 N. Winslow Ave., Burlington, 862-5646 • **Meals:** L, D • **cash/check only, good for groups, kid-friendly, seasonal** • It's been open since 1995 and in the same place since 1996. Try the charbroiled, "bad-damn burger" — two beef patties topped with chipotle sauce, jalapeño pepper sauce and pepper jack. Or the "jimm-o dog" (otherwise known as a McJimm). Sundays are open until 3 p.m. **B**

Splash at the Boathouse

1 College St., floating in the lake, Burlington, 862-2244 • **Meals:** L, D, full bar • **kid-friendly, outdoor seats, seasonal, table service** • The floating eatery offers spectacular views of Lake Champlain. Its slogan is "Serving marvelous food, drinks and sunsets." \$14 available. Open from Memorial Day to Columbus Day. **B++**



CHINESE

A Single Pebble

133 Bank St., Burlington, 862-865-6230 • **Meals:** L, D, full bar • **good for groups, outdoor seats, res. recommended, table service, vegan-friendly** • This authentic Chinese restaurant cooks up a mean rock and encourages sharing. Serves dishes in traditional banquet style. Lunch is served Monday through Saturday. Dinner only. **B++**

China Express

295 Shelburne Rd., Burlington, 862-2155 • **Meals:** L, D, late • **delivery** • Located on Shelburne Road, this take-out restaurant sells a lot of fried dumplings and General Tso's. **B**

China Express — Old North End

30 North St., Burlington, 862-8308 • **Meals:** B, late • **delivery, veg-friendly** • Serving all the popular Chinese dishes in the heart of the Old North End. Choose from over 500, or create your own vegetable/soy/tofu combination. Follows classic with a choice of white or brown sauce. Eat in, take out, or get it delivered. They cater, too. **B**

Fu Da Chinese Restaurant

187 Pearl St., Burlington, 864-3883 • **Meals:** L, D • **delivery, veg-friendly** • The restaurant formerly known as No. 1 Chinese has moved a few doors down. You can't beat the hours — it's



open every night until late. Reservations can count their own wait-free gamble, for lunch on Sunday. **B**

INDIAN

Indian House Restaurant

257 Colchester Ave., Burlington, 862-2800 • **Meals:** L, D, beer & wine • **delivery, gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, veg-friendly** • This North Indian restaurant cooks everything over charcoal in a traditional clay oven. Try the vegetarian or nonvegetarian thali platters, or the tandoori chicken. **B++**

Shalimar of India

16 N. Winslow Ave., Burlington, 864-5693 • **Meals:** B, L, D, beer & wine • **delivery, gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, table service, vegan-friendly** • Serving North Indian cuisine for 15 years. The Sunday brunch is a deal, for \$13. Try the lamb shank korma or the chicken thali meal. **B**

JAPANESE

Asiana House

131 Pearl St., Burlington, 863-0818 • **Meals:** L, D, full bar • **delivery, outdoor seats, res. recommended, table service, veg-friendly** • It's this Korean-style Japanese restaurant, the 8th options are plentiful and superb. The vegetarian menu and sushi bar are especially popular. **B++**

Sakura Ebara

Japanese Restaurant
 2 Church St., Burlington, 862-1088 • **Meals:** L, D, full bar • **outdoor seats, table service, vegan-friendly** • This authentic Japanese sushi and sashimi spot keeps the coming for its cozy-fish feel. Customers can enjoy a warm atmosphere with the "tatami" room, where pillows replace the chairs. **B++**

PAN-ASIAN

Asiana Noodle Shop

88 Church St., Burlington, 862-8828 • **Meals:** L, D, 8 p.m. • **gluten-free options, good for groups, kid-friendly, res. recommended, table service, vegan-friendly** • Want to wine & dine with some Asian comfort food? Here you'll find versions from Malaysia and Korea as well as Japan, Vietnam and Thailand. Start with ginger tea, then get your own bowl, noodles and fuu to create a gigantic bowl of soup. Not up for slurping? There are plenty of dumplings and cakes. **B**

VINEYARDS & BREWERIES

A Vermont Booze "Cruise"

Any Vermont is renowned for its award-winning artisan cheeses and cheeses, many of which grace the tables at the world's finest restaurants. Now the wine is flowing, too. Vineyards are cropping up all over a state that already boasts the largest number of microbreweries per capita.

Since nothing goes with good eats like good drinks, area bartenders proudly pour wine, beer, mead and even liquor and liqueur made in Vermont's verdant hills and valleys.

Here's a list of the companies that conduct our fine libations. Please note: While several have tasting rooms — Shelburne Vineyards in Shelburne and Lincoln Peak Vineyard in New Haven, for example — not all are prepared for visitors. As a courtesy, be sure to call first. And bring a designated driver.



BREWERS

Harpoon Brewery

338 Ruth Cheney Drive, Windsor
802-474-5481
www.harpoonbrewery.com

Lawson's Finest Liquids

Romana
802-272-8436
www.lawsonsfineest.com

Long Trail Brewing Company

Union of Route 4 & 100A,
Windsor
802-472-5031, www.longtrail.com

Magic Hat Brewing Co.

5 Barkett Bay Road, South Burlington
802-458-2739
www.magic-hat.net

McCall's Brewery

80 East Street, Brattleboro
802-254-2353

Offit Creek Brewing, Inc./Wolaver's Certified Organic Ales

795 Lechman Street, Middlebury
802-338-4727
www.offitcreekbrewing.com

Rock Art Brewery

254 Wilkins Street, Montpelier
802-639-9430
www.rockartbrewery.com

Switchback Brewery

342 Flynn Avenue, Burlington
802-451-4114

Trout River Brewing Company

55 Reed Street, Route 5, Lyndonville
802-475-4985
www.troutriverbrewing.com

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BREWERS, CIDER & MEADERIES

Boyden Valley Winery

78 Route 184 at Route 75, Cambridge
802-444-4051
www.boydenvalley.com

Charlotte Village Winery

3868 Greenbush Road, Charlotte
802-425-4539
www.charlottevillagewinery.com

East Shore Winery

88 East Shore North, Grand Isle
877-278-6665
www.eastshorewinery.com

Eden Ice Cider Company

1825 Swantonville Hill Road,
West Charlotte
802-485-2833
www.edenicecider.com



Flag Hill Farm

126 Irving Road, Windsor
802-465-7724
www.flaghillfarm.com

Fresh Tastes Farm Vineyard & Winery

4373 Route 12, Berlin
802-279-6473
www.fresh-tastesfarm.com

Galloping Hill Farm & Vineyard

344 Moody Road, Burlington
802-634-0332
www.gallopinghillfarm.com

Grand View Winery

2113 Max Gray Road, East Gates
802-455-7612
www.grandviewwinery.com

Green Mountain Cider

153 Pond Lane, Middlebury
802-368-0308 ext. 181
www.hillside.com

Hillside Sugarcorn Farm and Vineyards

206 Sugarcorn Farm Road, Colchester
802-460-2908
www.hillside.com

Honey Gardens Apiaries

2777 Route 7, Ironsboro
802-677-6166
www.honeygardens.com

Honors Winery & Vineyard

1956 Collins Road, West Berlin
802-986-1914

Lincoln Peak Vineyard

147 River Road, New Haven
802-368-7358
www.lincolnpeakvineyard.com

Nashoba River Winery

79 Stone Hill, Bennington
802-247-8003
www.nashobarivervineyard.com

North Branch Vineyards

82 Trafton Hill, Montpelier
802-229-6109
www.northbranchvineyards.com

Patsy Mountain Winery

71 Hoiland Hill Road, Putney
802-367-4490
www.patsymountainwinery.com

Shelburne Vineyard

6308 Shelburne Road, Shelburne
802-435-8222
www.shelburnevineyard.com

Snow Farm Vineyard & Winery

190 West Shore Road, South Hero
802-370-5443
www.snowfarm.com

Vermont Vineyards

185 Thorne Hill Road, Otisville
802-754-6667
www.vermontvineyards.com

WINERIES

Flag Hill Farm

126 Irving Road, Windsor
802-465-7724
www.flaghillfarm.com

Green Mountain Distillers

190 Thomas Lane, Stowe
802-253-8064
www.greenmountaindistillers.com

Saxton's River Distillery

940 Saxton's River Road, Saxtons River
802-635-4943
www.saxtonsrivervineyard.com

Vermont Spirits

822 Ryeer Hill Road, St. Johnsbury
802-748-8545
www.vermontspirits.com

DINING DESTINATIONS

Will Drive for Food...

The corridor area of 7 Nights boasts an enormous number of fine restaurants, but the truth is, there's good food all around us. Neighboring states — and the big country to the north — offer dining destinations too numerous to list. So we've selected a few that are well worth the road trip.

QUÉBEC

Au Pied du Cochon

516 Duluth Est, Montreal, QC,
514-281-1114

www.restaurantlapiedducochon.ca

The restaurant is famous for its decadent charcuterie, including everything from marinated smoked sausages to pickled tongue. Want sausage with that? Fattened gaudy liver shows up in numerous forms, including on the potatoes. The less adventurous can snack on French onion soup and maple syrup pie.

MONTREAL



Razon

114 Laurier Ouest, Montreal, QC,
514-223-8112

www.restaurantrazon.com

The spoon isn't ever changing, but you can always get creative "soup and by the moment" at this up-tempo Latin eatery. The menu is petite and reasonable. Each dish is deconstructed in just a few meals. For example: "soup, wild mushrooms, snails."

Toqué Restaurant

800 Jean-Paul Papay in Place,
Montreal, QC, 514-489-2884

www.restaurant-toque.com

It's not cheap, even in Canadian dollars, but inspired diners keep coming back for more. And how could they resist, when the menu includes delicacies such as "hermit crab with miso cream, cucumber and green asparagus" and "black-truffle ice cream?"

HAMPSHIRE

L.A. Burdick Handmade Chocolates and Restaurant

47 Main Street, Naples, NJ,
603-754-9658

www.laiburdickchocolates.com

L.A. Burdick's French-style handmade chocolates are hand-crafted, but there's more than just dessert at this destination

restaurant. The bistro-style bistro menu offers French classics such as duck confit with chestnut ragout and sole meunière. Feeling casual? Snack on steak frites.

NEW YORK

Artisans at Lake Placid Lodge

164 Lodge Way, Lake Placid, NY,
877-523-2766

www.artisansatlakelodge.com

Get away in style at this Bette Midler-approved resort restaurant. The menu — which has both a à la carte and prix-fixe options — changes seasonally. According to the hotel's website, the fire is "New American in tradition, but voyages wonderfully and mysteriously into the world beyond." It all happens in the Adirondacks.



LAKE PLACID
LODGE

MODERN VERMONT

The Equinox Resort & Spa

2567 Main Street Route 118,
Manchester Village, VT,
800-362-4747

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